Famines During the ‘Little Ice Age’ (1300-1800).
Socio-natural Entanglements in Premodern Societies

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IN COOPERATION WITH:

WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2015

20:00 Conference dinner: Restaurant "GeistReich" (Bielefelder Hof)

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2015

9:00 Welcome addresses and introduction
Research Approaches and Designs

9:30 Ulf Büntgen (Zürich):
A tree-ring perspective on ‘Little Ice Age’ summer temperature variability

9:50 Katrin Moeller (Halle):
Halle und die Hungerkrise von 1805. Ein Plädoyer für neue Krisenmodelle in der wirtschaftshistorischen Forschung der Vormoderne / Halle and the famine of 1805. New models for early modern economic history

10:20 Christian Jörg (Tübingen):
Forgotten crises of the medieval warm period. Researching famines of the High Middle Ages

10:40 Coffee break

11:15 Jürg Luterbacher (Gießen):
From proxies to integrated, statistically based ‘Little Ice Age’ climate reconstructions and potential for past famine studies
11:35 Discussion

12:00 Lunch break

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**European Famines**

14:00 *Heli Huhtamaa (Bern/Joensuu)*:
Exploring climate-driven food crises in Finland during the Little Ice Age with written and dendroclimatological evidence

14:20 *Francis Ludlow (Yale)*:
Dynamics of extreme weather, Subsistence crises and violent conflict in medieval Ireland

14:40 *Rudolf Brazdil (Brno)*:
Famines in the Czech Lands during the 'Little Ice Age'

15:00 *Guido Alfani (Milano)*:
Italian famines: An overview (ca. 1250-1800)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 *Bruce Campbell (Belfast)*:
Climate and disease: The famine of 1346-7 and near-famine of 1349-52

16:20 Discussion

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**Break**

18:00 Evening lecture:
*Andrea Fadani (Ulm)*:
Hunger remembrance in a museological context: Any linkage to environmental changes?

19:00 Dinner at ZiF
Global perspectives and coping strategies

9:30  Vinita Damodaran (Sussex):  
Climate signals, environment and livelihoods in seventeenth and eighteenth century India

9:50  Andrea De Vincenti (Zürich):  
Educationalizing hunger. Perceptions of the famine of 1771/72 in Zurich and coping strategies

10:10  Steven Serels (Berlin):  
Reconstructing patterns of human-environment interaction and collective organization in the African Red Sea World at the end of the ‘Little Ice Age’

10:30  Discussion

11:00  Coffee break

11:30  Kathrin Pindl (Regensburg):  
Crises and strategies of subsistence in pre-modern Regensburg. Hospital grain accounts as sources for economic history

11:50  Andreas Rüther (Bielefeld):  
Theory of migration vs. colonization thesis? Concurrent concepts and multiple models of medieval eastward expansion

12:30  Lunch break

14:00  Jessica Dijkman (Utrecht):  
Coping with food shortages in the village of Berkel (Holland), late 16th - early 19th century

14:20  Discussion

14:45  Final discussion

15:15  End of conference

19:00  Dinner downtown (self-pay)