

Summer Lecture Series 2022

IMMIGRANTS, OUTSIDERS, AND SCAPEGOATS: “THE OTHER” IN EARLY MODERN GERMANY



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As recent developments both in politics and in connection with the global Covid-19 pandemic have made clear, societies are built on—and destroyed by—assumptions about who belongs and who does not, ideas about what are acceptable and unacceptable forms of behavior, and a host of other perceptions about politics, social relations, religion, and the natural world. It is well known that early modern European societies burned women as witches and persecuted Jews and members of other minority religions, but what about everyday exclusions of and (micro)aggressions against people perceived as “the other”? The 2022 Summer Lecture Series explores three case studies from early modern Germany by focusing on military chaplains as outsiders, women as scapegoats for natural disasters, and an English immigrant in the port city of Hamburg.

**August 21,
11 am MST**

Benjamin A. Miller, “For Want of a Church the Peace Was Lost: Mobile Military Communities as Perpetual Outsiders”

Offered on Zoom. [Please click on this link to register.](#)

**August 28,
11 am MST**

Annie Morpew, “Who Qualifies as a Merchant Adventurer? An Immigrant Navigates the English Merchant Community in Early Modern Hamburg”

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September 4

Rachel Davis Small, “Who is to Blame When Disaster Strikes? Women as Scapegoats for Catastrophe in Early Modern Germany”

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