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CALL FOR PAPERS

Social conflicts in early modern Europe: New tools and new perspectives

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Deadline for submissions: **15 January 2021**

Submissions here: <https://www.ruralhistory2021.se/call-for-papers/>

Background

The evolution of social conflicts, their causes and consequences in early modern Europe have long been studied by historians and social scientists. This stream of literature culminated, at least with respect to France, with the seminal publication of *La Rébellion française* by Jean Nicolas in 2002. However, the recent advances in digital, statistical and geographic information system (GIS) tools now allow to link more easily large sets of data and can help to foster our understanding of this social phenomena.

Purpose

The objective of this panel is to provide ground for new research in this field and demonstrate how tools derived from the “digital revolution” can facilitate the development of new research on social conflict. One avenue is to take advantage of the increasing number of archives and printed sources digitised by local and national archives to conduct large-scale research on specific topics. Another example is the online release of the *Historical Social Conflict Database* ([HiSCoD](#)), which lists nearly 10,000 episodes of social conflict and aims at facilitating future research around this topic by providing a new platform to aggregate data collected during previous and new researches.

This panel will focus on the evolution of social conflict in the long run. More specifically, it aims at advancing our knowledge in this area by working anew on problematic such as the evolution of living standards and social conflicts. We welcome any contribution making use of data at the local, regional

or even national scale and addressing questions such as the interlink between social conflicts, climatic crises, and agricultural failures/changes; the role and the consequences of the expansion of the proto-industrialisation in the countryside with respect to social conflicts; the impact of trade and its (de-)regulation; and the local responses of government to crisis and conflict.¹

We also welcome any contribution that focuses on the construction of databases dealing with social movements, rebellions and criminality between the Middle Ages and the 19th century.

Selection criteria

The panel's geographical focus is on Europe, even though we also welcome contributions on different world regions. Case studies, as well as comparative and large-N studies, are welcome. Overall, papers in the panel will seek to construct a better understanding of the challenges related to social and economic stress and to emphasise the historical responses they generated.

Submission instructions

The submission web page is: <https://www.ruralhistory2021.se/call-for-papers/>

It is important that paper/abstracts are submitted directly on the website. Please indicate that you wish to participate to the session "*S63 – Social conflicts in early modern Europe: New tools and new perspectives*". The deadline is **15 January 2021**.

The following items are required to be submitted through the web page:

- Contact information
- The title of the paper
- An abstract (400 words or less) which should introduce the topic to be studied, the scope, the data, and research methods.

Contact information

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¹ We will gladly provide access to the *Historical Social Conflict Database* to any scholar willing to conduct research related to its content.