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### **Current position**

Research associate (full time), 03/2024–today  
Economic History, University of Leipzig  
Project of the German Research Foundation (DFG): *Investments and Practices of Refinance in Crises. Accountability of Commerce and Banking Companies and of Capitalist Rentiers in Florence and Augsburg in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century*

### **Current research interests**

My current research project is on the history of capitalism viewed through the practices of accounting. Basically, I am working on the investment strategies and refinancing of companies and “private” investors in mid-sixteenth century Europe. The referring key issue are the configuration and the dynamics of financial markets and the response to crises, when the Crowns failed to repay the enormous loans they had taken. Hence, the knowledge of accounting became the essential feature to get along with the highly diversified instruments of return and to adapt to ongoing economic processes. At the core of my argument is a complex comparison between Florentine and South German enterprises and private investors that I call *Capitalist Rentiers*. Particularly, the focus is on the secondary markets which supported government finance on the one hand, and on intercultural transfers and the impact on consumption on the other.

My evidence is mainly preserved in the Salviati archives in Pisa and the Apostolic Library of the Vatican, in the *Archivio di Stato di Firenze*, in other familial archives in Tuscany and in South German Archives.

Moreover, I am specialised in the history of accounting from the late thirteenth century on (account books, letters, ricordanze, diaries) which I am putting in a broader social and cultural context. The accumulation of wealth in the hands of households and parental lineages is an issue of particular interest. The history of accounting makes part of the histories of writing, technology and knowledge. Further on, I studied institutional accounting for the development of the fiscal systems of states in the fifteenth to the eighteenth centuries.

I have been working on government finance, the coming of statistics and bureaucracy, animal history, European diplomacy, military history, and art history.

### **Teaching competences**

In general, I have been teaching various topics of Early Modern Europe for seventeen years, now. My courses are on European history from the Middle Ages to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, on the Mediterranean, on state building and the fiscal state, on military and diplomatic history, on animals in history, on the history of cities, on social history like the history of witchcraft, on history of communication, and European Enlightenment.

In the last years, I concentrated my teaching on social and economic history like introduction courses on Medieval economic history, and the history of capitalism, and specialisation courses in the history of markets, Italian city states, families and wealth.

### **Graduated Students**

Adina Eckart, MA: *Familiare Vermögensbildung Florentiner Kaufmannbankiers in der Wirtschaftswelt der Renaissance: eine Fallstudie zu Lucrezia de' Medici-Salviati (1470-1553)* (ongoing PhD-thesis: 10/2021-)

25 BA-thesis in summer term 2022 at University of Vienna

15 BA-thesis in winter term 2021 at University of Vienna

Adina Eckart, BA: *Identität und Wahrnehmung in kultureller Materialität. Die Ehen der Medici-Frauen Clarice Orsini und Maria Salviati in Briefen und Bildern* (MA-thesis 02/2017)

Leon Gerdes: *Integration von Umweltdiskursen in die Wirtschaftsordnung nach der Finanzkrise 2007* (BA-thesis 12/2020)

Second supervisor:

Andreas Schenker, M.A., *Der Rinderhandel im Hochstift Bamberg in der zweiten Hälfte des 18. Jahrhunderts. Struktur, Entwicklung und die Aushandlung der normativen Rahmenbedingungen zwischen Obrigkeit und Marktakteuren* (PhD-thesis 07/2019)

Johannes Wilhelm Hasselbeck, M.A., „*dan der krig ist ein wüdtentes tihr*“. *Der Dreißigjährige Krieg und die Bewältigung seiner Folgen in Bamberg 1632-1692* (PhD-thesis 10/2018)

### **Academic positions**

Research associate (full time), 02/2019–07/2022

Economic History, University of Leipzig

Project of the German Research Foundation (DFG): *Investments and Practices of Refinance in Crises. Accountability of Commerce and Banking Companies and of Capitalist Rentiers in Florence and Augsburg in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century*

Visiting professor, University of Vienna, 11/2021-01/2022 and 04-06/2022

'Private docent', University of Leipzig, 10/2020-today

Research associate (full time), 11/2014–10/2016

History of Early Modern Europe, University of Bamberg

Fritz Thyssen Foundation-Project: *Insolvency of Kings in Early Modern Europe. Actor oriented analysis of markets of credit around 1550*

Lecturer for History of Early Modern Europe, University of Bamberg, 05/2011-10/2012

Research associate (full time), 11/2006–04/2011

History of Early Modern Europe, University of Bamberg

DFG-Project: *Elite Networks and Markets. The Salviati of Florence and the Welser of Augsburg*; Fritz Thyssen Foundation-Project: *Edition of Documents for a History of the Welser Company*

### **Qualifications**

Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale in Storia Moderna, 12/2023

'Habilitation', University of Bamberg (D), 12/2016

Second book: *Economy as Cultural Practice. The Merchant Bankers Salviati from Florence and Welser from Augsburg on the Markets of Lyon between Cooperation and Defection*

PhD, University of Bamberg (D), 11/2006

PhD-thesis: *Cosimo de' Medici, the orators and the Condottieri. Diplomacy and Wars in Renaissance Florence*

Magister Artium, University of Bonn (D), 02/1996

Abitur, Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gymnasium in Hannover (D), 05/1989

### **Fellowships**

Visiting Fellow at the Max Weber Centre at the University of Erfurt, 03/2023-02/2024

Project at the Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences "Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations": *Accounting in the Name of God. Urban Perspectives in Florentine and Genoese Trade with the Levant and Maghreb*

Visiting fellow, German Historical Institute in Rome , 11/2016–08/2017

### Research funding

- German Research Foundation-Project, prev. 03/2024-09/2025, EUR 152,956
- Fritz Thyssen Foundation-Project (co-organiser Prof. Markus A. Denzel in Leipzig), 08/2022-07/2024, EUR 115,307
- German Research Foundation-Project, 02-2019-07/2022, EUR 297,200
- International workshop (co-organiser Dr. Carlo Taviani): *Liminal Trade: Merchants and Their Markets beyond Geographical and Methodological Boundaries in Africa and across the Atlantic Ocean (1350-1600)*, 14-15 May 2018, funded by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung (EUR 9,500)
- International conference: Merchant bankers and government finance: diversity of markets and processes of state building (14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century), 8-9 December 2017, funded by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung (EUR 3,000)
- Fritz Thyssen Foundation-Project, 12/2014-10/2016, EUR 129,982.45
- Gerda Henkel Foundation-research grant, 12/2012-11/2014, EUR 52,500

### Research Administration

- Co-organiser of the French (ANR)-German (DFG) Project “Configurations of European Fairs. Objects, Merchants, Routes (1350-1600)”, 2020-2023
- Treasurer of the Society of Global History Germany, 2015-2021
- Member of the DFG-Network (Göttingen/Bochum) *Das Versprechen der Märkte* (“The Promise of markets”), 2017–2023
- Reviewer for the German Research Foundation, 2019–today
- Reviewer for the Austrian Fonds for Science and Research (FWF), 2017–today
- Reviewer for the Institute of Social and Economic History of the University of Vienna, 2018

### Short Bibliography

1. “Li vostri che tenghono li libri non sanno tenere tanti chonnti.” Useful Knowledge and Accounting as seen through the accountant’s lenses and the logic of capitalism, in: *L’economia della conoscenza. Innovazione, produttività e crescita economica, secc. XIII-XVIII – The Knowledge Economy. Innovation, Productivity and Economic Growth, 13th to 18th Century* (Datini Studies in Economic History, 3), ed. Giampiero Nigro, Firenze 2023, S. 115-135. DOI:10.36253/979-12-215-0092-9.08
2. *Internationale Kapital- und Warenmärkte, transalpinen Handel und Herrscherfinanzen. Die Kooperation zwischen den Handelsgesellschaften der Welser und den Florentiner Kaufmannbankiers Salviati* (Handelsakten des Mittelalters und der Neuzeit, 24), Stuttgart 2021
3. *Wirtschaften als kulturelle Praxis. Die Florentiner Salviati und die Augsburger Welser auf den Märkten in Lyon (1507-1559)*(Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte, Beihefte 248), Stuttgart 2020
4. “Economic History,” in: *Handbook of Historical Animal Studies*, eds. Mieke Roscher, André Krebber, Brett Mizelle, Berlin/Boston 2021, 181-195
5. “Dan auf disen vornemen Handelsplatzen ist gelt vollauf...’ Zu transalpinen Transferbeziehungen zwischen süddeutschen und Florentiner Handelsgesellschaften während des Dreißigjährigen Krieges,” in: *Annales Mercaturae* 2, 2016, 33-76
6. “Paternités entre terre et ciel: patronage et dynastisation chez les Médicis à Florence au XVe siècle,” in: *Formes et réformes de la paternité à la fin du Moyen Âge et au début de l’époque moderne*, ed. Aude-Marie Certin, Frankfurt am Main et al. 2016, 93-112

7. "The Import of Levantine Goods by Florentine Merchant Bankers: The Adaption of Oriental Rugs in Western Culture," in: *Union in Separation. Diasporic Groups and Identities in the Eastern Mediterranean (1100-1800)*, eds. Georg Christ et al., Roma 2015, 505-525
8. "Credito e insolvenza sovrana. I prestiti alla Corona francese di mercanti-banchieri toscani e tedeschi meridionali (1550-1559)," in: *Annali dell' Istituto Storico Italiano-Germanico in Trento* 41, 2015, 12-38
9. "Renaissance Economies: Markets, Tastes, Representations, in: *Renaissance now! The value of the Renaissance past in contemporary culture*," ed. Brendan Dooley, Oxford 2014, 57–80
10. "Networks and Merchant Diasporas. Florentine Merchant Bankers in Lyon and in Antwerp in the Sixteenth Century," in: *Commercial Networks and European Cities, 1400–1800* (Perspectives in Economic and Social History, 32), eds. Andrea Caracausi, Christof Jeggle, London 2014, 107-120
11. "Herrscherfinanzen der französischen Krone unter Franz I. aus Sicht italienischer und oberdeutscher Bankiers. Die Rolle der Florentiner Salviati als Financiers der französischen Regierung", in: ‚*Das Blut des Staatskörpers*‘. *Forschungen und Perspektiven zur Finanzgeschichte der Frühen Neuzeit*, eds. Peter Rauscher et al., München/Wien 2012, 457-508
12. *Cosimo de' Medici, die Gesandten und die Condottieri. Diplomatie und Kriege der Republik Florenz im 15. Jahrhundert*, Paderborn et al. 2009.