

**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 in the mid-sixteenth century Europe. At the core of my argument is a complex comparison between Florentine and South German enterprises and private investors which I call *Capitalist Rentiers*. My evidence is mainly preserved in the Salviati archives in Pisa and the Apostolic Library of the Vatican, the *Archivio di Stato di Firenze* and in South German Archives. 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.

Moreover, I am specialised in the history of accounting (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.

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

**Academic positions**

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

Research associate (full time), 02/2019–today

Economic History, University of Leipzig

DFG-Project: *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*

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 (0,5), 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**

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

Second book: *Economy as Culture. 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, 05/ 1989

**Fellowships**

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

## Research funding

German Research Foundation-Project, 02-2019-01/2022, EUR 297,200

International workshop (co-organizer: 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 "CoMOR"

Member of the steering committee (treasurer) of the *Gesellschaft für Überseegegeschichte* ("German Society of Global History")

Member of the DFG-Network (Göttingen/Bochum) *Das Versprechen der Märkte* ("The Promise of markets")

Reviewer for the German Research Foundation (DFG), 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

## Graduated Students

Adina Eckart, MA: *Ein römischer Kardinal zwischen Geld und Politik: Briefe und Rechnungsbücher des Giovanni Salviati (1490-1553)* (ongoing PhD-thesis: 10/2017-)

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)

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)

## Short Bibliography

1. 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
2. Wissensdiskurse in der ökonomischen Praxis. Kaufmannbankiers als Experten der Märkte im 16. Jahrhundert, in: Wissen und Wirtschaft. Expertenkulturen und Märkte vom 13. bis 18. Jahrhundert, eds. Marian Füssel et al., Göttingen 2017, 141-168.
3. *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.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Renaissance Economies: Markets, Tastes, Representations, in: Renaissance now! The value of the Renaissance past in contemporary culture, ed. Brendan Dooley, Oxford u.a. 2014, 57–80.
8. 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.
9. 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, S. 457-508.
10. Cosimo de' Medici, die Gesandten und die Condottieri. Diplomatie und Kriege der Republik Florenz im 15. Jahrhundert, Paderborn et al. 2009 [Dissertation].