

Struggling Sovereignty

Workshop on the Spanish Netherlands in the
Late Seventeenth Century

Paderborn, 29-30 September





General Information

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Programme

29th September 2025

Morning Session

- 09:00. Registration and coffee
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- 09:30. Greetings on behalf of the Historical Institute and the Belgienzentrum of the University
(Prof. Dr. Johannes Süßmann and Prof. Dr. Christoph Ehland)
- 09:40. Opening speech and organizational remarks
(Yves Huybrechts, University of Paderborn)
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- 10:15. *The Spanish Low Countries and the resilience of a polycentric imperial structure of urban republics (1648-1701)*
(Manuel Herrero Sánchez, Pablo de Olavide University of Seville)
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- 11:00. *"Cur si Circulus est non nominetur?" The Habsburg Netherlands and the Holy Roman Empire after the Peace of Westphalia (1648-1664)*
(Aurélien Destain, University of Luxembourg & Université Haute-Alsace)
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- 11:45. General discussion
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- 12:15. Lunch break

Afternoon session

- 13:00. *Expansionist policy and legal legitimization strategies of Louis XIV in the War of Devolution. The Spanish Netherlands in the political conception of the Sun King in the 1660s*
(Guido Braun, Université Haute-Alsace CRESAT)
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- 13:45. *Former enemies, new allies: Spain, the Habsburg Netherlands, and the Republic against France, 1648-1651*
(René Vermeir, Ghent University)
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- 14:30. General discussion
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- 15:00. Coffee break
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- 15:15. *'Tot secourse ende verlossinghe van dese provintie' The role of the Estates of Flanders in the defence of the country against the French invasions, 1650-1700.*
(Brent Lievens, Ghent University)
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- 16:00. *Luxembourg in the face of French Justice, 1684-1698*
(Jonathan Stuart Keogh, University of Luxembourg)
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- 16:45. General discussion
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- 18:00. Dinner for speakers



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Morning sessions

- 09:00. *The Troubled Decade. The Ill prince of Ligne, Flemish Elite and the governors of the Low Countries (1659-1668)*
(Laura Perona Guillén, University of Castilla-La Mancha)
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- 09:45. *The Subversive Subcourt: The Political Role of the Court of Brussels in the 17th Century*
(Dries Raeymaekers, Radboud University Nijmegen)
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- 10:30. General discussion
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- 11:00. Coffee break
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- 11:15. *Public provision in difficult times: grain policies in the Spanish Netherlands in the second half of the 17th century*
(Hiram Kümpfer, University of Mannheim)
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- 12:00. General discussion
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- 12:15. Lunch break

Afternoon session

- 13:15. *The Governor and the President. A Court Agency between Brussels and Madrid, 1683-1685*
(Roberto Quirós Rosado, Autonomous University of Madrid)
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- 14:00. *Kowtowing to the Dutch or a sign of active policy making? The 1681 reform of the customs tariffs under governor Farnese*
(Yves Huybrechts, University of Paderborn)
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- 14:45. General discussion
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- 15:15. Coffee break
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- 15:45. Final conclusions and future projects
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- 16:15. Remarks on publication opportunities

Organization

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Attending the Workshop

Everyone is welcome to take part in this workshop and join the discussions. Anyone wishing to take part is asked to **contact Yves Huybrechts** (yves.huybrechts@uni-paderborn.de) until **August 31th, 2025**.