The Formation of ‘Town’ and ‘Noble’ Identities in Medieval Germany

Power meets identities: the working groups identity and power invite to a RESOURCECULTURES Dialogue with lecturer Ben Pope: Ben Pope’s research is concerned with issues of power and identity in late medieval Germany, especially within the relationships between townspeople and rural nobles.

In his dissertation on fifteenth-century Nuremberg (http://etheses.dur.ac.uk/11492/), he analyses the interactions of urban and rural elites with a focus on processes of identity formation through the social, economic and political dimensions of conflict and cooperation. He is interested in the genesis and reproduction of identities, including their relationship to various forms of power, and has agreed to talk in detail about the theoretical approaches which underpin his case studies.

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