

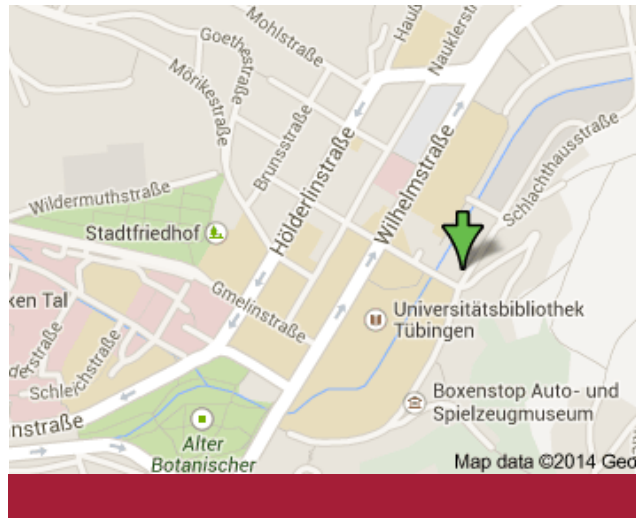


## Riots in Regions of Heavy Industry

Why did regions of heavy industry become prominent theatres of violent social and political conflict in 20th century Europe, time and again? The workshop aims at opening up new avenues of understanding European contemporary history by posing this question and bringing together researchers from all over Europe.

Short term dynamics, such as riots, civil wars and rebellions might have been underestimated by historical research in comparison to long-term processes, such as changes in the structure of the economy, when analysing regions of heavy industry. These areas of intense social conflict and highly dynamic economic development were hotly discussed 'issues' in all European countries in the 20th century. Contested both within and between nation states at the beginning of the century, joint government of heavy industries formed the basis of those institutions which became the European Union. At the same time, however, regions of heavy industry also became nuclei for the development of post-war welfare states, often modelled on miners' welfare institutions. Later, when the paradigms of economic policy changed around 1970, mining areas were considered prime examples for a backward and outdated model of industry. As illustrated by the recent civil war in Ukraine, those regions continue to form stages for social, political and cultural conflicts until today.

In a time of renewed industrial change around the world, it is necessary to reassess and revise questions about those areas: How do conflicts unfold under the economic and social conditions of mass employment in heavy industry? Are there similarities or striking differences between different regions, nation states and political systems through time? Will narratives about 20th century European History be altered by (re)introducing the category „region of heavy industry“? The workshop will discuss these and other questions with the help of talks by speakers from a variety of European countries, who are either established experts in the field of regional industrial history or junior researchers, who are able to offer fresh perspectives on 20th century history through the prism of regional industrial conflict. Other senior researchers will lead discussions by chairing sessions and commenting upon papers in thematically organised panels.



Conference Venue:

Universität Tübingen, CRC 923, Keplerstraße 2, Room 036

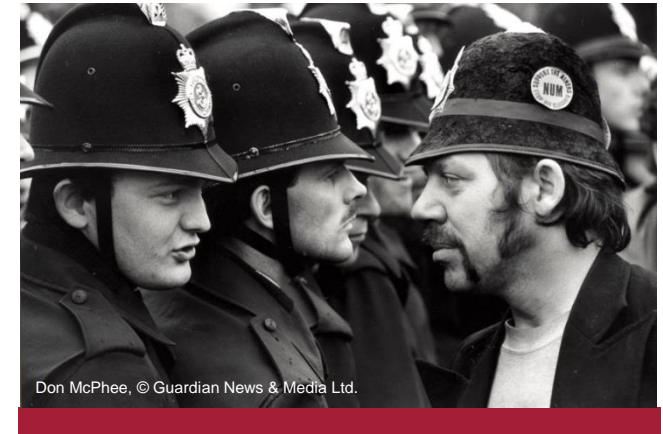
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# Programme

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

12.00 - Registration

12:30 - **Welcome**

Prof. Dr. Ewald Frie/Prof. Dr. Anselm Doering-Manteuffel

13:00 - **I. Meanings of Industrial Unrest in the Short 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Johannes Großmann (Tübingen)

Comment: Prof. Dr. Stefan Berger (Bochum)

**Dr. Jörg Neuheiser** (Tübingen)

*Riots in Regions of Heavy Industry – Introduction*

**Dr. Nicolas Verschueren** (Bruxelles)

*Where did the Miners' Strike Go? A Belgian Response*

**Dr. Julia Landau** (Buchenwald)

*Accidents, Culprits and the Threat of War: Social Frictions in the Kuzbas (USSR) before WWII*

15:00 - Coffee Break

15:30 - **II. "Mad Times" – Riots in Regions of Heavy Industry after World War I**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Anselm Doering-Manteuffel (Tübingen)

Comment: Dr. Hester Barron (Sussex)

**Sophie Stern MA** (Tübingen)

*„Ordnungskosaken und Verbrechergesindel“ – Ruhrkampf between Revolutionary Ideals and National Demands 1920-23*

**Wojciech Pieniazek MA** (Marburg)

*Pacification by Freikorps. The Riots in Upper Silesia, 1918/19*

**Matthew Kerry MA** (Sheffield)

*"Vienna before Berlin". Radicalism, the Local and the Imagined in the Asturian October of 1934*

7<sup>th</sup> November continued

18:15 - **Keynote Lecture**

**Prof. Dr. Rubén Vega** (Oviedo)

*Nothing Compares to the Past. Industrial Decline and Socio-Cultural Change in Asturias*

19:30 - Conference Dinner, Restaurant Alte Kunst

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014

9:00 - **III. Places of Production? Locating Heavy Industry in European Societies**

Session Chair: Dr. Natasha Vall (Middlesborough)

Comment: Dr. Jörg Arnold (Nottingham)

**Goran Music MA** (Firenze)

*"The city stuck in grayness". Maribor's Industry in the Eyes of the Reform-Oriented Party and Intellectual Elites of 1980s Slovenia*

**Dr. Jim Phillips** (Glasgow)

*The Moral Economy of the Scottish Coalfields and the 1984-85 Strike*

10:30 - Coffee Break

11:00 - **IV. Protests, Riots and Social Change – beyond the Post-War Boom**

Session Chair: apl. Prof. Dr. Klaus Weinbauer (Bielefeld)

Comment: Dr. Wencke Meteling (Marburg/Cambridge)

**Irene Diaz MA** (Oviedo)

*Citizen Mobilization against Industrial Dismantlement in the Asturian Coalmining Areas (1970-1991)*

**Arne Hordt** (Tübingen)

*"This is our pit!" – Contested Meanings of Social Conflict in the Miners' Strike and Rheinhausen Protests*

**Dr. Paulina Codogni** (Warsaw)

*The Polish Rubicon. Strikes in Upper Silesia and the Round Table Negotiations of 1989*

13:00 p.m. – Lunch

14:00 p.m. - **Concluding Discussion: Riots in Regions of Heavy Industry – Towards a Different "Pre-History of the Present?"**

Chair: Dr. Jörg Neuheiser (Tübingen)

15:00 - End of Conference

15:30 - Guided Tour through Tübingen Old Town (optional)



"We want good work and good money. We Silesians vote for Germany", a poster from the 1920 referendum in Upper Silesia, advocating to remain with Germany rather than join Poland, in Polish.

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