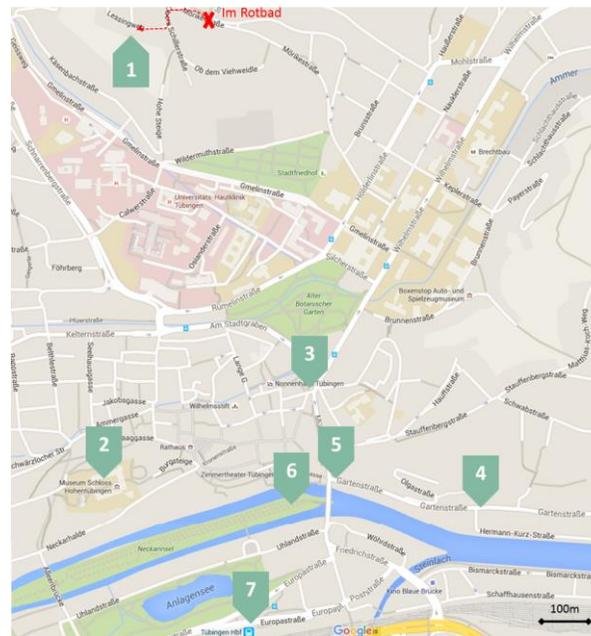


Workshop

Wealth is not just economic prosperity but also the gain in well-being specifically based on social activity. In both cases wealth is often presented in material form. It is therefore traceable on material basis, which is accessible to historical focused cultural studies such as archaeology, history and art history. Fundamentally, wealth is measured according to the resources considered of specific value in a culture. These resources can be either material or immaterial. First of all, there is a need to find a reliable approach to trace value systems within cultures, secondly, to ask what specific communities labelled as resources, and thirdly, to study how these concepts differed over time and between social groups. Focusing on the processes, dynamics and the forms of consensus of a certain value system it is possible to describe cultural phenomena within an evolving society.

The workshop focuses on silver hoards and churches – two phenomena often described and highlighted for the isle of Gotland. Both are seen as items of value and therefore interpreted as material indication of wealth within their cultural contexts. Linking the societies of the Viking Age and the Middle Ages – within a period of 600 years – our focus is on the form and function of material culture and their social practice. Concerning methods and source materials we are thereby seeking an interdisciplinary approach.



Map of Tübingen Workshop

„Wealth, society and transformation of resources“

- 1 Accommodation: Guesthouse of the University, Lessingweg 3 (Bus no. 3,4,17 from main station (bus station) till bus stop „Im Rotbad“; 4 Min. 300 m)
- 2 Evening lecture at the castle, Schloss Hohentübingen, Institute of Medieval Archaeology/ Room no. 119
- 3 Dinner at „Wurstküche“, Am Lustnauer Tor 8 (10.03.2016)
- 4 Workshop venue: SFB 1070-House/Room no. 015, Gartenstraße 29
- 5 Dinner at „Neckarmüller“, Gartenstraße 4 (11.03.2016)
- 6 Meeting point for the city tour
- 7 Tübingen, main station, Europaplatz 17

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and churches on Gotland
(900–1400)

Questions:

- How are items of value handled, confirmed or questioned during the given time periods? What is their socio-economic status?
- How to describe the symbolic behaviour concerning these phenomena?
- How do the value systems of silver hoards and churches differ within and from each other?
- Can this difference be described as transformation of material, values or society?
- What knowledge can be gained of the Gotlandic society concerning 'consumer' behaviour, donation systems, economic concepts, their handling of redundant surplus or their religious conversion?
- Are there fundamental constants in human behaviour concerning resources? If so, how do these get through profound culture changes like Christianization or financial collapse?
- Can the latter be labelled stasis at all or does it simply mark a different strategy in the dealing with wealth?

Program

Thursday, 10. March 2016: Arrival and reception

- 18.00 Evening lecture (Schloss Hohentübingen, Room no. 119): **Sceattas, Denare, Dirhems. Münzfunde aus Groß Strömkendorf als Beleg für die Anfänge der Monetarisierung im Ostseeraum**
Ralf Wiechmann (Hamburg)
- 20.00 Dinner at „Tübinger Würstküche“, Am Lustnauer Tor 8, 72074 Tübingen.

Friday, 11. March 2016:

Day of the workshop

Gartenstraße 29, Room no. 015

- 9.00 Introduction by Widmaier/Dieckmann
- 9.15 **Chronological clustering of coin hoards as a fundamental condition in the archaeology of money**
Lutz Ilisch (Tübingen)
- 10.00 **The actors and processes behind the Viking Age hoards of Bornholm (Denmark)**
Gitte Ingvardson (Lund)
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.15 **Hidden treasures – Deposited precious metal as a resource on the island of Gotland**
Janina Dieckmann (Tübingen)
- 12.00 Lunch break
- 13.30 **Transformation of wealth and changing economic attitudes on Gotland 11th century to 14th century**
Svein Harald Gullbekk (Oslo)
- 14.15 **The lingering past in the medieval churches of Gotland**
Johan Runer (Stockholm)
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 **Wealth and society. Social interactions materialized in the Gotlandic churches**
Jörg Widmaier (Tübingen)
- 16.15 Final discussion

- 17.15 City tour with Elisabeth Tielsch (Starting point Neckarbrücke/Platanenallee)
- 18.45 Dinner at „Neckarmüller“, Gartenstraße 4, 72074 Tübingen.

Saturday, 12.03.2016: Day of departure

- 10.00 Optional: Guided tour at the MUT (University museum of Ancient cultures, Schloss Hohentübingen).



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