CONTEXTUALIZING BANKRUPTCY:
PUBLICITY, SPACE AND TIME (EUROPE, 17TH–19TH C.)

19–20 MARCH 2018

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Organisation
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Although bankruptcy was a rather exceptional situation in the life of a merchant, it has explanatory power for routines of economic stakeholders, for their space of experience and their horizon of expectation. We can therefore use the irregularity of failure as an indicator of regularities. Considering the long, non-uniform and unsteady transition from merchant capitalism to industrial and financial capitalism, we suggest to start a dialogue between modernistes and contemporanéistes. The conference focuses on the various forms of contextualizing business failure and puts forward three major research axes: Covering and Uncovering: Secrecy and Publicity; Economic Space and Area of Jurisdiction; Temporal Narratives of (In)Solvency.

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Vladimir Yegorovich Makovsky (1846-1920): Bankrupt Bank (Крах банка), 1881
Oil on canvas, 46 × 71 cm, The State Russian Museum, Saint Petersburg
Monday, 19 March 2018

15:00 Meet & Greet

15:30 Welcome and Introduction

Thomas MAISSEN (German Historical Institute)
Director’s Welcome Address

Jürgen FINGER (German Historical Institute/Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich)
Contextualizing Bankruptcy: Perspectives and Research Axes

16:30 Covering and Uncovering: Secrecy and Publicity
Chair: Jérôme SGARD (Sciences Po, Paris)

Jean-Paul BARRIÈRE (University of Franche-Comté, Besançon)
Notary Bankruptcies in 19th-Century France in the Eyes of Justice and Profession: Between Secrecy and Publicity

Eric HÄUSLER (University Bern)
Social Acceptance Through Publicity? The Bernese Geldstag as an Example of a Legitimate Bankruptcy Proceeding in the Long 19th Century

Tyson LEUCHTER (University of Chicago)
An Abyss of Debt: Corporatism, Bankruptcy, and Responsibility in Restoration France

19:00 Diner (participants only)
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# Temporal Narratives of (In)Solvency 2

**Chair:** Mark Sven Hengerer (Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich)

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