



Claiming Bodies: The Quest for Human Remains in Europe (c. 1750-2000)

June 5-7, 2024

Room 124, Mittelstrasse 43, Bern

International Workshop as part of the SNF Project "Contested Bodies. The Religious Lives of Corpses" (Prof. Dr. Angela Berlis, Andrea Pezzini MA)

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Workshop Schedule

WEDNESDAY, June 5

Room 124 - Mittelstrasse 43, Bern

18.15 **Welcome and Introduction**

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Erik R. Seeman (University at Buffalo)

Corpses and the Protestant Cult of the Dead in America, 1750-1850

19.30 **Dinner**

THURSDAY, June 6

Room 124 - Mittelstrasse 43, Bern

9.15 **SESSION 1**

Leonardo Rossi (University of Florence)

"Hands off our saints!" Disputed religious bodies in 19th-20th century Italy: the dynamics of contestation

Andrea Pezzini (University of Bern)

Contesting dead bodies property. A case study in Northern Italy from the late 18th to 20th centuries

10.30 **Coffee Break**

11.00 **SESSION 2**

Kristof Smeyers (KU Leuven)

Dis(re)membering the dead: body, fragment and history in Catholic Ireland

Julie Mathias (Queen's University Belfast)

Ireland's lost property: reconstructing the life of an anatomised body (1832-1914)

12.15 **Lunch**

14.30 **SESSION 3**

Taline Garibian (University of Geneva)

Beliefs, Sciences, and Political Narratives. The Management of Corpses after Mass Casualties (1830-1925)

Angela Berlis (University of Bern)

The Body of the Pope: Ultramontane body politics in the perception of liberal and Old Catholics in the 19th century

16.00 **EXCURSION**

Hubert Steinke (Institut für Medizingeschichte, University of Bern)

Human Remains in Medical History

19.30 **Dinner**

FRIDAY, June 7

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9.00 **SESSION 4**

Erika De Vivo (University of Turin)

"Ti aveva giurato di portarti almeno un cranio lappone". A critical analysis of Paolo Mantegazza's anthropometric studies on Sámi human remains

Tine van Osselaer (University of Antwerp)

Protection or theft: reclaiming Lidwina's relics

10.30 **Coffee Break**

11.00 **NN Open title**

Conclusion

12.00 **Lunch**

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