“Borders and Transgressions from the late Medieval Period to the Present”

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This first cooperative lecture of the Departments of History at the Universities of Uppsala and Tübingen, both members of the Matariki Network, will consider different borders, their perceptions and their transgressions from the late medieval period to the present day.

Borders and their transgressions are an everyday phenomenon. The refugee crisis since 2015 has raised new awareness for the fact, though the physical crossing of state boundaries is by no means the only moment when humans encounter or transgress borders. They are everywhere and they are at least geographical, social and normative. Borders demarcate rules whereas transgressions mark their (in-)voluntary crossing, questioning as well as threatening social orders and, therefore, causing discussions and reactions by those witnessing the act.

Tübingen schedule:

17.10. Daniel Menning (Tübingen): Introduction.

24.10. Carl Mikael Carlsson (Uppsala): Ambivalence in social belongings as part of the modernization in late 18th and early 19th century Sweden.

31.10. Philip Hahn (Tübingen): Perceptible distinctions and pervasive sensations: The ambivalent role of the senses in early modern urban society

14.11. Daniel Menning (Tübingen): The 1720 stock market mania in Europe: Crossing the borders of knowledge

28.11. Dag Lindström (Uppsala): Early modern urban change.

5.12. Lars M. Andersson (Uppsala): Swedish antisemitism from the Middle Ages until today.

12.12. Ellen Widder (Tübingen): The Borders of Late-Medieval Europe and their Transgression

19.12. Louise Berglund (Uppsala): Illustrious ladies. The political agency of medieval queens and holy women.

16.1. Ewald Frie (Tübingen): Social differentiation - revisited

23.1. Johannes Großmann (Tübingen): On the Warpath. The Franco-German Border Region and the Beginnings of the Second World War

30.1. Gudrun Andersson (Uppsala): Moralising gender in fashion magazines in the early nineteenth century.