

# Coding Medieval European Charters – Digitale Modellierung mittelalterlicher Urkunden

**December 4th to 5th, GWZO Leipzig** – International Workshop as part of the project “Modeling Pre-Modern Ambiguities: Case Studies from Eastern Europe (VAMOD)” (GWZO) and DigiHistDB (FSU Jena) in cooperation with the Aleksander Brückner Centre for Polish Studies, MLU Halle.

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The digital analysis and modelling of historical sources present central challenges to contemporary medieval studies. In particular, medieval charters—issued by both secular and ecclesiastical authorities—offer considerable potential for innovative, data-driven research approaches. The increasing availability of digital methodologies enables new perspectives on the European landscape of charters, facilitating comparative studies across regions and periods.

The workshop “Coding Medieval European Charters” brings together representatives of current research projects engaged in the digital modelling of medieval charters. The aim is to discuss methods, findings, and challenges through concrete case studies. Special attention will be given to Eastern European source collections and to the comparison of different regional approaches to charter research.

Each panel will invite distinguished experts in modern diplomatics or comparative local and regional history to serve as discussants. The workshop seeks to foster an intensive dialogue between emerging digital and established “analogue” approaches in European medieval studies. In digital modelling, we rely on the broad expertise of “classical” medieval studies and diplomatics. In turn, these disciplines increasingly explore novel digital pathways. This dialogical workshop format is thus expected to provide decisive impetus for the digital transformation of historical scholarship.

Accommodation and travel expenses within reasonable limits will be covered. The publication of results in an edited volume will be discussed during the workshop.

## Program:

### December 4th

13.00 Arrival with snacks and coffee/tea

13.30 **Welcome** – Martin Bauch (GWZO)

**Introduction** in the aims of the workshop – Clemens Beck (Jena) / Max Grund (Jena) / Sven Jaros (Halle)

13.45 **Session 1: Modelling Approaches – Case Studies of Current Projects**  
Frederik Skidzun (Regesta Imperii, Berlin): Urkunden Friedrichs III.  
Matthew Hammond / John Bradley (King's College, London): People of Medieval Scotland (POMS)  
Hannah Busch (Köln) / Sebastian Gensicke (Aachen): Akademie-Projekt „Formierung Europas“ (Urkunden Alexanders III.)  
Moderation: Jörg Feuchter (Regesta Imperii, Berlin)

14.45 **Session 2: Challenges of Modelling Charters**  
Lennard Pelikan (Leipzig) / Sven Jaros (Halle) / Clemens Beck / Max Grund (Jena): Modelling Medieval Charters in FactGrid. Case Studies from Eastern Europe and the Upper Palatine  
Eike Löhden (Marburg), Das Marburger Urkundenrepertorium  
Žarko Vujošević (Graz), Urkundenmodellierung mit XML/TEI am Beispiel der „Medieval Serbian Charters Action“  
Moderation: Sebastian Kolditz (BBAW / MGH, Berlin)

16.30 Coffee Break

17.00 **Working Session 1: Challenges and Approaches**

19.30 Joint dinner

## Dezember 5th

9.00 **Session 3: Modelling and Automatisation**  
Bärbel Kröger / Christian Popp (Göttingen), Modellierung von kirchengeschichtlichen Daten in FactGrid  
Georg Vogeler (Graz), LLM basierte Informationsextraktion – praktische Erfahrungen  
Moderation: Christian Oertel (Erfurt/Halle)

10.00 Coffee Break

10.30 **Working Session 2: Further steps (AI et alia)**

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 World Café: Conclusions and Outlook

16.00 End of Workshop