



CRC 1369 *Cultures of Vigilance*, LMU Munich, Project C01 and C02

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Shame and Vigilance

Interdisciplinary Workshop

October 7th and 8th 2026

Historisches Kolleg Munich, Kaulbachstraße 15

The workshop aims to examine different areas of the dynamics between shame and vigilance. In doing so, the objective is to synthesise historical and literary perspectives. The focus on shame promises to be particularly fruitful, as it can illuminate both the imperatives and techniques of vigilance, as well as the obstacles and resistance it encounters. On the one hand, the morally, religiously, and socially motivated demand for the maintenance of gender and sexual order led to an intensification of attention directed toward 'shameful' matters; on the other hand, this attention was accompanied by strong taboos. This led to a tension between scrutiny and avoidance, between the right to privacy in intimate matters and the acceptance of an overseeing authority. The overriding of shame was not a given and we can ask what possibilities for negotiation were available to the actors involved. At the same time, shame as a topos justified even further measures of vigilance.

If you wish to attend, please register in advance at luis.schaefer@lmu.de

PROGRAM

Wednesday, 7th October 2026

10.00	Opening of the venue
10.30	BRENDAN RÖDER and LUIS SCHÄFER (LMU Munich) Opening Statement
10.45	Chair: BRENDAN RÖDER (LMU Munich) SARAH SCHARRER (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg) <i>Schame: Between Seeing and Concealing. Semantic Constellations of Vigilance in the Work of Konrad von Würzburg</i> LUIS SCHÄFER (LMU Munich) Shame or Vigilance? The Exegesis of the Biblical Dinah in Medieval and Early Modern Literature
12.15	Lunch break
13.45	Chair: MARIACARLA GADEBUSCH BONDIO (University of Bonn) VIRGINIA BURRUS (Syracuse University New York) The Virgin Martyr and the Holy Harlot: Shame Between Purity and Abjection LOUISA BERGOLD (University of Oxford) Virtue and Wifely Chastity in Reformation Interpretations of Lucretia
15.15	Coffee break
15.45	Chair: MARTINA RAVAIOLI (University of Bonn) KORINNA GONSCHOREK (LMU Munich) Adoptive Fathers and Embarrassed Sons. Status and Public Gaze in Medieval Romance CASSANDRE VOLERY (Université de Fribourg) Dynamics of Vigilance, Blame and Shame over Ante- and Perinatal Infant Deaths in the Old Swiss Confederacy, 17th–18th centuries
17.15	Break
18.00	Chair: BEATE KELLNER (LMU Munich) UTE FREVERT (Max Planck Institute Berlin) Shame and Shaming in Modern History
19.30	Get-together

Thursday, 8th October 2026

9.00 Chair: LUIS SCHÄFER (LMU Munich)

JUDITH KLINGER (University of Potsdam)

Vigilance Shamed: Unsettled Observation, Transgressive Possibilities

JÖRG WETTLAUER (Göttingen Digital Academy)

On Vigilance and Women. Preserving Honor and Preventing Shame in Late Medieval Urban Law

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Chair: PIA FUSCHLBERGER (LMU Munich)

KLAUS BJÖRN BUSCHBECK (University of Zurich)

Aware of Dishonor: Shame, Vigilance, and Invectivity in Hartmann's *Erec* and *Iwein*

LAURA SCHIAVONE (LMU Munich)

Shame and Hierarchies of Knowledge in an Early Modern Miscarriage Trial (Bologna, 1711)

12.30 SUSANNE REICHLIN (LMU Munich)

Closing Statement

12.45 End of Workshop