

Structuring Fashion – Foundation Garments through History

Munich, 13–14 September, 2018

An International Conference organised by Johannes Pietsch (Bayerisches Nationalmuseum, Munich) and Jenny Tiramani (The School of Historical Dress, London)

This conference will focus on undergarments that have shaped fashionable silhouettes. It will cover a broad timespan from the Middle Ages up to the 21st century. Conducted in English, the event will be held in Munich to celebrate a very special exhibition and the launch of an exciting new book.

The Bayerisches Nationalmuseum preserves the world-famous pair of silk bodies worn by Countess Palatine Dorothea Sabina around 1598. This extremely rare garment is in very fragile condition and thus has been safely stored for decades. Now it will be presented to the public exclusively from September to December 2018, which coincides perfectly with the publication of this pair of bodies in the new volume of the Janet Arnold *Pattern of Fashion* series, which is being continued by members of The School of Historical Dress. 'Patterns of Fashion 5: The cut and construction of bodies, stays, hoops and rumps c.1595–1795', presenting over 40 garments in great detail, will appear this autumn.

Internationally renowned experts like Valerie Steele (FIT New York), Alexandra Palmer (ROM Toronto), Peter McNeil (UTS Sydney), Amalia Descalzo (ISEM Madrid) and Denis Bruna (MAD Paris) will be among the speakers of the conference.

The participants will go on exclusive tours to explore one of the leading historic dress collections, both in front of and behind the scenes to see exciting garments and accessories from the 15th century onwards.

On Saturday, 15 September, 2018, an additional excursion to the Miedermuseum will be offered, which is a small but unique museum entirely dedicated to corsetry and situated in Heubach, a former centre of European corset industry:

https://www.ostalbkreis.de/sixcms/media.php/26/sh_miedermuseum_flyer.pdf

Venue: Bayerisches Nationalmuseum,
Prinzregentenstrasse 3, 80538 München, Germany
Contact: [conference AT bnm.mwn.de](mailto:conference@bnm.mwn.de)

More information (regularly updated):
<http://www.bayerisches-nationalmuseum.de/index.php?id=1051>

Registration: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3385294>
Conference fee: 180,00 EUR (including coffee and lunch breaks, museum tickets, guided tours and evening event)
Excursion fee: 60,00 EUR (including transport by coach, museum tickets and lunch)

Seats are limited to 160 (and only 50 for the excursion), so you should register soon.

Waiting list:

If seats are sold out but you still wish to participate, we can put you on a waiting list. Just contact us via conference@bnm.mwn.de.



We also recommend that you book your accommodation well in advance because there will be an international fair in Munich from 14 September:

Two hotels within a few minutes walking distance from the museum are offering special rates for participants of our conference, if you state the password "BNM conference" in your email:

Hotel Adria München (***) Superior):

<https://www.adria-muenchen.de/hotel-munich-accommodation.html>

Golden Leaf Parkhotel im Lehel (***):

<http://www.golden-leaf-hotel.de/en/hotels-munich/parkhotel-in-lehel.html>