

On Wednesday 23rd November, Veronika Čapská (Charles University, Prague) will present her seminar paper: *Homosocial correspondence ties in the early modern Habsburg monarchy from anthropological perspectives.*

The paper will compare recent editions of the private correspondence of Anna Katharina von Swéerts-Sporck and the Jesuit Bohuslav Balbín. It uses correspondence networks to explore same-sex friendships, emotions and desires. Research into these themes has so far predominantly been conducted in criminal contexts, but the letters used in this project provide a new opportunity to explore beyond this context. Taking letters as particularly suitable sources for cultural exchange research, it will analyse the circulation of texts and artefacts (and texts as artefacts) from the perspectives of material culture studies and cultural exchange research. Finally, it will address the limits of cultural transfer and other relational approaches for early modern Central Europe.



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The seminar, which takes place in the Barbara White Room at 5.00-6.30pm, is organized by the Cambridge New Habsburg Studies Network <https://camhabsburgstudies.wordpress.com/> and for the History Forum at Newnham. The event will be followed by drinks and all are welcome!