

# International Conference

*Domestic Life and how Museums Present It*

*Sinergia Project ,Doing House and Family'*

University of Bern (Main Building, Room 304 East) and the

Swiss Open-Air Museum Ballenberg

08th – 09th September 2016

## Programme

**Thursday, 8th September 2016:**

**University of Bern, Main Building, Room 304 East**

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| 09.00 h – 09.10 h | Welcome                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 09.10 h – 09.30 h | Joachim Eibach (University of Bern) – Introduction:<br><i>Domestic Life as Social Sphere</i>                                                                            |
| 09.30 h – 09.45 h | Anne Schillig (University of Lucerne):<br><i>Rural Housing in Switzerland: Material Culture and Domestic Relations</i>                                                  |
| 09.45 h – 10.00 h | Eric Häusler (University of Bern):<br><i>Bankruptcy as Historiographical Windfall: Examples of Domestic Life in Bern</i>                                                |
| 10.00 h – 10.30 h | Discussion                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10.30 h – 10.50 h | <i>Coffee break</i>                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10.50 h – 11.20 h | Helen Bieri-Thomson ( <i>Château de Prangins</i> , Swiss National Museum):<br><i>Noblesse oblige! An Attempt to present Life at a Château in the Eighteenth Century</i> |
| 11.20 h – 11.50 h | David Bagnall ( <i>Frank Lloyd Wright Trust</i> , Chicago):<br><i>From Origin to Icon: Curating Frank Lloyd Wright's Early Interiors</i>                                |
| 11.50 h – 12.30 h | Discussion                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12.30 h – 14.00 h | <i>Lunch break</i>                                                                                                                                                      |
| 14.00 h – 14.30 h | Miriam Bader ( <i>Tenement Museum</i> , New York City):<br><i>The Tenement Museum: Homes, Families, and the Power of Personal Stories</i>                               |
| 14.30 h – 15.00 h | Keith Robinson ( <i>Back to Backs</i> , Birmingham):<br><i>The Back to Backs – Why Relevance and Authenticity matter</i>                                                |
| 15.00 h – 15.40 h | Discussion                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15.40 h – 16.10 h | <i>Coffee break</i>                                                                                                                                                     |

16.10 h – 16.40 h	Emma Hardy ( <i>Geffrye Museum of the Home</i> , London): <i>The Geffrye Museum, London: from ‘English Interiors’ to ‘Museum of the Home’</i>
16.40 h – 17.00 h	Discussion
17.30 h – 19.00 h	Guided Tour through the Old Town of Bern
19.00 h:	<i>Conference Dinner</i>

**Friday, 9th September 2016:**

**Joint trip to Swiss Open-Air Museum, Ballenberg**

8.04 h	Depart Bern main station (SBB)
9.48 h	Arrival Ballenberg West
10.00 – 10.30 h	Introduction to the History and Concept of the Open-Air Museum
10.30 – 11.00 h	Discussion
11.00 h	Guided Tour through the Open-Air Museum
12.30 h	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.30 h	Guided Tour through the Open-Air Museum with Benno Furrer
ca. 17.00 h	End of Tour and Return to Bern

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[http://www.philhist.unibe.ch/dga/hist/content/forschung/forschungsprojekte/doing\\_house\\_and\\_family/index\\_ger.html](http://www.philhist.unibe.ch/dga/hist/content/forschung/forschungsprojekte/doing_house_and_family/index_ger.html)