

Austria versus Napoleon 1809

215th Anniversary Congress

Napoleon and Local History Museum

Deutsch-Wagram, 4th-6th July 2024



Felicien de Myrbach-Rheinfeld – Archduke Charles with his Staff in 1809 (Public Domain) via Wikipedia commons



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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

*Location: Archduke Charles Hall (Erzherzog Carl-Saal)
Napoleon- & City Museum Deutsch-Wagram*

Organised and moderated by
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Thursday, 4th July 2024:

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:30 Greetings from the Hosts

Museum Society of Deutsch-Wagram

Institute of Habsburg and Balkan Studies (IHB), Austrian Academy of Sciences)

10:30 – 12:30 Session 1: New Primary Sources on the History of 1809

Attila RÉFI (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Budapest)

An Unknown Memoir about the Napoleonic Wars: Lieutenant General Baron Joseph von Meskó's Recollections of His Life and Military Service

Markus Friedrich JEITLER (Independent Scholar, Vienna)

"We Live in Constant Fear": The Wartime Correspondence of Archduke Ferdinand and Archduchess Marie Louise

Ilya BERKOVICH (IHB, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)

Jewish Soldiers in the 1809 War: Sources from the Austrian State Archives

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Session 2: Unknown Aspects of 1809 War

István NAGY-LUTTENBERGER (Institute of Hungarian Research, Budapest)

To cover Archduke John - Combats before the Battle of Raab

Nebiha GUIGA (Leibniz Centre for Literary and Cultural Studies, Berlin)

Accidental Humanitarianism? French Conseillers d'Etat on the Battlefield of Wagram

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:30 Session 3: Weapons I - Small Arms

Balázs NÉMETH (National University of Public Service, Budapest)

French muskets - Austrian Muskets: The Untergerber Reform and the Ballistics of the Imperial-Royal M1798 Infantry Musket

Ondřej BUČEK (Museum Brno - Peacemount Austerlitz)

The officer's Sword from the Battle of Aspern-Essling and its Place amongst the Exhibits at Cairn of Peace, Austerlitz

16:30 – 17:00 A short guided tour through the weapon collection of the Museum

17:00 – 18:30 Session 4: Weapons II - Artillery at the Battle of Wagram

Stephen SUMMERFIELD (Loughborough University)

Gribeauval vs Liechtenstein Artillery in 1809

Michael WENZEL (Napoleon-Museum, Deutsch-Wagram)

Wagram, a modern Artillery battle? and other aspects

18:30 – 22:00 Visit to the Re-enactors camp with Dinner at the “old field kitchen”

Friday, 5th July 2024:

09:30 – 11:15 Session 5: European Perspectives of 1809

Matej ČAPO (Independent Scholar, Bratislava)

Napoleon’s Visit to Pressburg in 1809

Andrzej KOSIM (Independent Scholar, Östersund)

Facing the implosion of the empire: Geopolitical and Strategic Consequences of the English Expedition to the Continent in 1809

Claudia REICHL-HAM (Museum of Military History, Vienna)

“We come to truly liberate you ...” The Austrian Campaign against the Grand Duchy of Warsaw in 1809

11:15 – 12:00 City walk – Deutsch-Wagram and the Battle

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 11:15 Session 6: Preparing for War

Joost WELTEN (IHB, Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna)

From Peasant Uprisings to a Model Region: Napoleonic Conscription in the former Austrian Netherlands (1798-1814)

Marcell MATÁNY (National University of Public Service, Budapest)

General Levy Modernization in 1809: Hungary's Mobilization against Napoleon

Ondřej KRÁL (Palacký University, Olomouc)

Formation of independent Jäger Battalions in 1808-1809

15:15 – 16:00 Coffee-Break

16:00 – 17:45 Session 7: The Legacy of 1809

Waltraud SCHÜTZ (IHB, Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna)

Women's Patriotic Activism in Habsburg Austria in the Aftermath of 1809

Christina WAIS-WOLF (IHB, Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna)

The Stained-Glass Cycle in the Lorraine Hall of Franzensburg Castle

(1828/29): Habsburg Mythmaking under Emperor Francis I in the Post-Napoleonic Period

Agnieszka FULINSKA (Jagiellonian University, Kraków)

Napoleon Franz the Duke of Reichstadt (1811-32): From the “Prince Francais” to a Perfect Habsburg?

**17:45 – 18.15 Session 8: Concluding Discussion –
The Battle of Wagram then and now**

18.30 – 19.15 Peace-Mass at Sahulka-Park at the Memorial Chapel, the first monument of the battle, built in 1859

19.30 – 20.00 Memorial-Ceremony at the Wagram Monument. Built in 1909 by Franz Seiffert and sponsored by the Denkmalverein, the forerunner of the Museum Society of Deutsch Wagram

20.00 – 22.00 Evening Reception at the Museum Garden with the Re-enactors

Saturday, 6th July 2024:

10:30 – 12.30 Parade
Welcome event for the historic groups– Route: camp – Russbach -church – alley – market square

14.00 – 15.00 Presentation of the Exposition: 215 Years: Wagram and the battle

15.30 – 18.30 Open Science Afternoon with the Institute of Habsburg and Balkan Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

Interactive Stations and Research Presentations:

Common Soldiers in the Napoleonic Period (Ilya BERKOVICH)

Teenagers write about the 1809 War (Markus Friedrich JEITLER)

Klosterneuburg Abbey in 1809 (Sabine MIESGANG)

Female Agency after 1809 (Waltraud SCHÜTZ)

The Habsburg Dynasty in Times of Crisis (Dorota VARGOVA & Joost WELTEN)

Stained Glass Windows and Habsburg Mythmaking (Christina WAIS-WOLF)

19.00 – 20.30 Battle Re-enactment: 215 years battle of Wagram

21.00 – 22.00 Grand Austrian Tattoo: Final Concert at the Re-Enactors Camp