

Dear colleagues,

The local organizing committee and the board of GfÖ have decided to postpone the 2020 conference by one year due to the global Corona-virus situation. Despite all hopes that the situation could improve significantly by September, we believe that under the given circumstances a conference this year is not possible. It is still highly uncertain whether the conference can take place and the present situation does not allow a coordinated preparation that meets the expectations of the participants. That we have to postpone just our Jubilee Conference is of course bitter, but unfortunately it cannot be changed. Thankfully, our colleagues in Braunschweig have agreed to host the conference in 2021 as well. Their willingness to host the conference next year cannot be taken for granted and is very much appreciated!

Please note **the new dates for the 50th annual meeting of the GfÖ in Braunschweig**. It will take place from **August 30 - September 3, 2021**.

**Please also note:**

Already accepted sessions/workshops remain accepted, the call for sessions will be re-opened in November until February 28 th 2021; accepted sessions/workshops can be freely edited by authors to reflect new research; new session proposals can be submitted.

We will keep you informed via the conference webpage as usual, if you have any questions please contact our conference office [info@gfoe-conference.de](mailto:info@gfoe-conference.de).

Hoping that you are positive about our decision, I remain with best wishes for you and your families on behalf of the GfÖ board and the organisers in Braunschweig. I do hope that we will have the chance to attend a successful conference in 2021, which will make us forget this year's problems.

All the best

Christian Ammer