The danger of violence from outside city walls and the consequent necessity for mandatory and efficient military service were regarded as central aspects of daily life in medieval cities.

A city’s military power was not solely based on burghers and mercenaries in armor and weapons, but rather consisted of many different aspects of a complex military organization.

The production of necessary weapons, the trade with these weapons and with other materials, the strengthening of the city’s bulwark, and the need for improved manpower and hiring new combatants are just a few matters within the large field of military history which concerned cities in the Middle Ages.

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   Martin Neudling Skoog (Stockholm University)
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   German Towns in the Later Middle Ages
   Benjamin Pape (University of Tübingen)
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   Cologne and their Function for the Urban Identity
   Markus Jansen (a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School for the Humanities, Cologne)
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   John MacInnes, (University of the Highlands and Islands)

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   Representation and Ethics
   Trevor Smith, University of Leeds

10.40am - 11am Coffee Break

11am - 11.50am ‘They all have to endure patrolling, watching, protecting
   and from expeditions with each other’. Vienna’s organization of military forces.
   Andreas Moitzi (University of Vienna)

11.50am - 12.40am ‘... to stop aiding and abetting the Enemies of
   Christendom with Brimstone, Nitre, Guns, or Powder.’
   Liict and Illict Arms Trade during the Hussite Wars
   Alexandra Kaar, (Czech Academy of Sciences)