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Biography

Andri Schläpfer has been a scientific assistant at the Military History department of the Military Academy at ETH Zurich since 2020. He majored in medieval history with a minor in reformed theology at the University of Berne. He concentrated on the social history and history of mentalities of the European Middle Ages as well as topics in recent military history. As part of his current function, he is responsible for supporting various research projects along with supporting and conducting courses in military history. He currently holds the rank of first lieutenant (Oberleutnant, OF-1a) in the Swiss Armed Forces.

Main Areas of Research

- Military organisation and warfare in premodern and early modern Europe
- Questions and methodological problems of authenticity and testimony in historical ego-documents
- Swiss military history during the period of the Cold War
- · Religious and cultural legitimization strategies in armed conflicts within the borders of the nation state
- History of the Sonderbund War in European comparison