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Abstract: City in the State. The importance of urban centres for the Fiscal-Military-State 1670 to 1810

Most European states attempted to increase their resources primarily through taxation but also by borrowing to finance warfare, with expenditure on administration and court lagging far behind. Bellicosity was clearly at the heart of it. However, research in this area has hitherto looked mainly at state level. This article examines the local level within the state, and concentrates on the urban centres and the urban landscape of the Habsburg hereditary lands and their capital of Vienna. As with the the Thirty Years' War and its post-war period, the liabilities – financial, fiscal, military – depended on regional and political circumstances. The administrative reforms of the era of Maria Theresia produced not only an even distribution of financial burden, but also a general increase and, simultaneously, a standardisation of these burdens. The accounts of the municipality show that an amalgamation of fiscal and military matters can be observed from the very beginning.

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