

(UN)FIT TO RULE: THEMES OF ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION OF RULERS THROUGHOUT HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE FACULTY OF LAW

PROGRAMME

DAY 0 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25th

The arrival of the participants

17:00

Registration - room 241, "Forvm Romanvm"

18:00

Guided tour of the centre of Belgrade

(Boulevard of King Aleksandar, Saint Mark's church, the Parliament building, Terazije square, Prince Mihailo Street, the Belgrade Fortress – Kalemegdan)

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th

08:30

Registration

09:00

Formal conference opening:

Prof. Dr Zoran Mirković, Dean of the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, professor of Serbian Legal History

Emeritus Prof. Dr Sima Avramović, professor of Comparative Legal Tradition at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, head of the Organising Committee

Prof. Dr Milena Polojac, professor of Roman Law at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, Head of the Department of Legal History

9:30

First keynote lecture:

Contesting a "divine" king's status: a perspective from ancient Egypt

Emeritus Prof. Dr John Baines

Discussion

10:45

Short break

11:00

FIRST SESSION – QUALITIES OF A RULER / WHAT MAKES A GOOD RULER

Moderator: Emeritus Prof. Dr John Baines

Philostrati on the values of good governance

Dr Zoja Bojić

Greek Paideia as a prerequisite for a good ruler: the image of Constantius Chlorus and Julian the Apostate through early Christian panegyrics

Petar Nurkić, MA

Too Wise to Be an Emperor? Self-Image and Otherness in the Emperor Julian's Misopogon

Prof. Dr Dragana Dimitrijević

King of the Mountain? Medieval Hagiorite Perspectives on Ideal Rulership

Dr Zachary Chitwood

Discussion

12:15

Short break

12:30

SECOND SESSION - RELIGION

Moderator: Dr Zachary Chitwood

*“Sinners” Who Were Fit to Rule – the Throne Succession in 15th Century Wallachia:
from Diplomats to History*

Dr Liviu Marius Ilie

*How to dethrone an Ottoman sultan: the evolution of legal discourse in fetva between 17th and
20th century*

Assist. Prof. Dr Fatma Gül Karagöz

*The Carbou Affair Revisited: Christianity, Gender, and Colonial
Authority in Interwar Haute Côte d'Ivoire (online)*

Wallace Teska

Wallenstein's Disposition about the Succession in the Duchy of Frýdlant

Assist. Prof. Dr Marek Stary

Discussion

14:00

Lunch break - Catering at the faculty

15:00

Second keynote lecture:

Eupatridae vs. Kakopatridae in Alcaeus' poetry: pedigree and bodily (im)perfection in the power struggle in archaic Lesbos

Assoc. Prof. Athina A. Dimopoulou

Discussion

16:15

Short break

16:30

THIRD SESSION – (LEGAL AND) POLITICAL CULTURE

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Athina A. Dimopoulou

When Women Rule. Female Parliamentarians In The Weimar Republic (1918-1933) (online)

Prof. Dr Marion Röwekamp

Trials on Stage: The German Documentary Theatre of the 1960s (online)

Dr Zafiris Nikitas

The influence of legal culture on authoritarian rule in post-socialist countries with an emphasis on the Republic of North Macedonia (online)

Prof. Dr Jasna Bachovska Nedik

Assist. Prof. Dr Ognen Vangelov

(Un)fit to Rule: Public Speaking Skills of a Candidate

Prof. Dr Daniela Blazhevska

Discussion

20:00

Conference Dinner – Restaurant “Lovac”

DAY 2 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27th

9:30

Third keynote lecture:

How Woman Became Fit to Rule

Emeritus Prof. Dr William E. Monter

Discussion

10:45

Short break

11:00

FOURTH SESSION – WOMEN IN POWER

Moderator: Emeritus Prof. Dr William E. Monter

Sobekneferu (c.1760–c.1755 BCE), first female ruler in Ancient Egypt – an overview of the legitimacy of her reign

Prof. Dr Danijela Stefanović

Agrippina the Younger: empress that never ruled, mother of Nero (online)

Assist. Prof. Dr Mirjana Miškić (Bogunović)

The “Queen Manquant” and “le Roi”: Margaret Beaufort (1441/3-1509) and Anne of France (1461-1522)

Dr Melina Rokai

A Shift Toward Equality In Royal Succession In European Monarchies

Prof. Dr Igor Milinković

Discussion

12:30

Short break

12:45

FIFTH SESSION – GENDER EQUALITY IN GOVERNING

Moderator: Assist. Prof. Dr Nina Kršljanin

Women fit to govern in Aristophanes’ “Lysistrata” (online)

Pantelis Chalkias, MA

Alexander the Great, Ivan the Terrible and the Gynarchy: Towards the Sources of the First Letter of Tsar Ivan IV to Andrei Kurbskii

Assist. Prof. Dr Fedor Veselov

Paradox Of Deborah In The Protestant Opposition To Gynecocracy In The Sixteenth-Century France (online)
Dr Ki-Won Hong

Electoral Representation Of Women On National And Local Level: Are Women Fit To Govern In Republic Of North Macedonia?
Assoc. Prof. Dr Hristina Runcheva Tasev
Assoc. Prof. Dr Katerina Shapkova Kocevska

Discussion

14:00

Lunch break - Catering at the faculty

15:00

Fourth keynote lecture:

Medicine in the service of political calculation in Byzantium
Prof. Dr Peter Schreiner
Prof. Dr Isabel Grimm-Stadelmann

Discussion

16:15

Short break

16:30

SIXTH SESSION – DISABILITIES AND WEAKNESSES
Moderator: Prof. Dr Peter Schreiner

Philip III Arrhidaios, king of Macedonia. A puppet king? (online)
Assoc. Prof. Dr Ioannis Xydopoulos

Baldwin IV The Leper – Fit To Rule, But Unfit To Live Enough
Assoc. Prof. Dr Miloš P. Stanković

“Deformity as a qualification: the case of Byzantine court eunuchs”
Konstantinos Diados, MA

‘Unfit to rule’ Modern Japan – The debate leading to the replacement of Emperor Taisho by a regent in 1921
Prof. Dr Christian Oberländer

Discussion

DAY 3 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28th

9:30

Fifth keynote speaker:

Crimen laesae majestatis: fit or unfit to rule?

Emerita Prof. Dr Kalliopi Bourdara

Discussion

10:45

Short break

11:00

SEVENTH SESSION – POLITICS AND POWER

Moderator: Emerita Prof. Dr Kalliopi Bourdara

Athenian tyrants in the Hellenistic and Roman periods: Challenges to power

Aleksandar Simić, MA

The legal system of Classical Athens as a catalyst for political persecution: The impeachment of Alcibiades

Thomas A. Kompos, MA

Didius Julianus, the Roman Emperor who Assumed the Purple by Giving the Best Offer on the Auction for the Throne

Dr Milan S. Dimitrijević

The “Unfit” Royal Heirs in Ancient and Medieval Georgia

Prof. Dr Mariam Chkhartishvili

Discussion

12:15

Short break

12:30

EIGHTH SESSION – LEGITIMACY AND CLAIMS

Moderator: Prof. Dr Mariam Chkhartishvili

Acceptance and Rejection of Emperors in the Byzantine Civil War of 1341-1354

Prof. Dr Srđan Pirivatrić

Prince Demetre (Demna) in Georgian Historiography

Sopio Kadagishvili, MA

Comparative Study of Political History and Cultural Anthropology on Royal Authority and Monarchical Power

Dr Nasser Michaëlene-Gabryel

“Knight-King”: King Aleksandar I Karađorđević on the protection of the Russian emigration in the 1920s and 1930s

Dr Natalia Turygina

Discussion

14:00

Lunch break - Catering at the faculty

15:00

Sixth keynote lecture:

Biblical hermeneutics of disruption: The dissonance between political power and divine grace in the order of succession as a moral warning to rulers

Assoc. Prof. Dr Ioannis Papadopoulos

Discussion

16:15

Short break

16:30

NINTH SESSION – SUCCESSION

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Ioannis Papadopoulos

Controversy in the Georgian Royal Family in 11th-12th Centuries and the falsed Testament of David the Builder

Dr Zurab Targamadze

Adoption And The Fitness To Rule:

Legal And Linguistic Perspectives In Mediaeval Bulgaria

Prof. Dr Mariyana Tsibranska-Kostova (online)

Prof. Dr Ivan Biliarsky

Succession and the political context of the "unfit to rule" concept in Serbian medieval history

Prof. Dr Smilja Marjanović-Dušanić (online)

Fit for a Regent? Princess Milica as a Ruler during her Son's Minority

Assist. Prof. Dr Nina Kršljanin

The Succession Crisis in the Serbian Despotate (1458-1459) and the Prerequisites of a Ruler:

None Fit to Rule!

Đorđe Stepić

Discussion

Closing of the conference

DAY 4 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th

Road trip by bus – Belgrade, Fruška Gora, Sremski Karlovci, Belgrade

*Departure at 9:30 AM, in front of the faculty building. Travel by bus to Krušedol (16th century) and Novo Hopovo (15th and 16th centuries) on Fruška Gora, endowments of the Branković noble family, the despots of Serbia. A short tour of both monasteries. The trip by bus to Sremski Karlovci, the seat of the Serbian Metropolitan since 1713. A quick walking tour of the town center. Lunch on the banks of the Danube in Pasent restaurant. Return to Belgrade in the late afternoon/early evening hours.

The departure of the participants