

(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

Arrival of the participants

17:00

Registration

18:00

Guided tour of the centre of Belgrade
(details TBA)

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

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

«Caesar is more ours than yours». Analyzing the depiction of Roman emperors in Tertullian's Apologeticum

Dr Álex Corona Encinas

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

Prof. Dr Dragana Dimitrijević

Discussion

Short break

12:45

SECOND SESSION - RELIGION

King of the Mountain? Medieval Hagiorite Perspectives on Ideal Rulership

Dr Zachary Chitwood

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

Dr Liviu Marius Ilie

No longer fit to rule: the conversion of prince Iliáš Rareş of Moldavia to Islam

Dr Elena Firea

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

Wallace Teska

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

Assist. Prof. Dr Marek Stary

Discussion

14:15

Lunch break

15:15

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

16:30

Short break

16:45

THIRD SESSION – (LEGAL AND) POLITICAL CULTURE

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

Prof. Dr Jasna Bachovska Nedik

Assist. Prof. Dr Ognen Vangelov

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

Dr Zafiris Nikitas

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

Prof. Dr Daniela Blazhevskva

Discussion

20:00

**Conference Dinner – Restaurant “Madera”
(details TBC)**

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

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

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

Paradox Of Deborah In The Protestant Opposition To Gynecocracy In The Sixteenth-Century France

Dr Ki-Won Hong

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

Discussion

Short break

12:45

FIFTH SESSION – GENDER EQUALITY IN GOVERNING

A Shift Toward Equality In Royal Succession In European Monarchies

Prof. Dr Igor Milinković

Women fit to govern in Aristophanes' "Lysistrata"
Pantelis Chalkias, MA

When Women Rule. Female Parliamentarians In The Weimar Republic (1918-1933)
Prof. Dr Marion Röwekamp

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

14:15

Lunch break

15:15

Fourth keynote lecture:

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

Discussion

16:30

Short break

16:45

SIXTH SESSION – DISABILITIES AND WEAKNESSES

Philip III Arrhidaios, king of Macedonia. A puppet king?
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

The Weakling and the Outsider: Disability and Discrimination in the Reign of King Ferdinand IV and Queen Maria Carolina of Naples-Sicily
Dr Jonathan Singerton

'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?

Prof. Dr Kalliopi Bourdara

Discussion

10:45

Short break

11:00

SEVENTH SESSION – POLITICS AND POWER

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

Short break

12:30

EIGHTH SESSION – LEGITIMACY AND CLAIMS

Prince Demetre (Demna) in Georgian Historiography

Sopio Kadagishvili, MA

Ruler and Power: Question of Legitimacy
Dr Nasser Michaëlene-Gabryel

Acceptance and Rejection of Emperors in the Byzantine Civil War of 1341-1354
Prof. Dr Srdan Pirivatrić

Foreign armed intervention to remove an unfit ruler in the law of nations
Prof. Dr Marco Roscini

“Knight-King”: King Alexander I Karadjordjević on the protection of the Russian emigration in the 1920s and 1930s
Dr Natalia Turygina

Discussion

14:15

Lunch break

15:15

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

16:30

Short break

16:45

NINTH SESSION – SUCCESSION

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
Prof. Dr Ivan Biliarsky

Succession and the political context of the "unfit to rule" concept in Serbian medieval history
Prof. Dr Smilja Marjanović-Dušanić

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

18:30

TENTH SESSION – STUDENT SESSION

TBA

Closing of the conference

DAY 4 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th

Road trip by bus – visits to monasteries, lunch
(details TBA)

Departure of the participants