

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

UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE FACULTY OF LAW

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## PROGRAMME

### **DAY 0 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 26<sup>th</sup>**

**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 Blazhevsk**

Discussion

**20:00**

**Conference Dinner – Restaurant “Lovac”**

## DAY 2 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>

**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 Kocavska**

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 28<sup>th</sup>

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!*

**Dorđe Stepić**



Discussion

**Closing of the conference**

**DAY 4 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>**

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