# KINGS & QUEENS 15:

## Kings, Queens and Dynasties in Peril

**SEPTEMBER 2 to 5, 2026**

**Prague**

**CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 2 to 4, 2026**
**Venue: Národní 3, Prague 1**
**Rooms 205, 206, 108**

**SIDE EVENTS OF THE CONFERENCE**
**September 5**
**No 1: Excursion to Konopiště Castle**
**No 2: Prague City Excursion**

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# WEDNESDAY

**9,00 – 9,30**
**Registration & Morning Coffee**

## ROOM 205

**9,30 – 10,00**
**Opening Remarks**
(Ellie Woodacre, Dana Dvořáčková-Malá, Martin Holý, Eva Doležalová)

**10,00 – 10,45**
**Key Speaker:**
**Cindy MCCREERY** – *"Monarchy in Peril?": Object Journeys from 19c. Pacific Monarchies to Central European Collections*

**10,45 – 11,00 COFFEE BREAK**

### SHAPING OF ROYAL MEN AND WOMEN

**SESSION:**
The Beginning of Wisdom: An Intergenerational Journey *sans fron tières*

**Chair: Jonathan Spangler**

**11,00 – 11,20**
**Ellie WOODACRE** – *The Shaping of Royal Women: Bringing Global Mirrors for Princesses in Dialogue, Identifying Shared Ideals of Queenship*

**11,20 – 11,40**
**Zita Eva ROHR** – *'Never forget to value your own ancestors from whom you are descended'*

**11,40 – 12,00**
**Claire PONSICH** – *Yolande de Bar and her Daughter Yolande d'Aragon: Who Were the Women and Men Entrusted with their Princely Early Educations*?

**12,00 – 12,15 Discussion**

**12,15 – 13,45 LUNCH BREAK (OWN)**

**Chair: Zuzana Vařáková**

**13,45 – 14,05**
**Elizabeth NORTON** – *'Maryed to a villaynes blood': Henry VIII's Four English Wives and the Construction of their Queenships*

**14,05 – 14,25**
**Rachel DYER** – *Her Humble Daughter Wisheth Perpetual Felicity: Humanism and The Monarchical Mother Daughter Relationship*

## ROOM 206

### DEATH AS A NEW BEGINNING

**Chair: Martin Holý**

**11,00 – 11,20**
**Isabel de PINA BALEIRAS** – *The Failed Assassination Attempt on King Fernando I of Portugal (1367–1383)*?

**11,20 – 11,40**
**David RADEK** – *Witnessing the Death of a King: Oldřich Cetrys and the Battle of Mohács*

**11,40 – 12,00**
**Anna DZIAŁAK-SZUBIŃSKA** – *A Peril-born Dynasty – Shaping the Braganças through Exequies: The Death of Infante D. Duarte*

**12,00 – 12,15 Discussion**

**12,15 – 13,45 LUNCH BREAK (OWN)**

**Chair: Dustin M. Neighbors**

**13,45 – 14,05**
**Kateřina PRAŽÁKOVÁ** – *The Final Year of Emperor Matthias's Life in Printed Newspapers and Agents' Reports*

**14,05 – 14,25**
**Christopher STORRS** – *The Savoyard Succession 1660–1840*

**14,25 – 14,45**
**Joanna TYSZKIEWICZ** – *The Survival of the Tudor Dynasty (1485–1603) in Peril: Henry VIII's Quest to Sire a Legitimate Male Heir from the Perspective of his First Queen Consort Catherine of Aragon, the Infanta of Spain*

**14,45 – 15,00 Discussion**

**15,00 – 15,15 COFFEE BREAK**

**SESSION:**
Who is really the Kingmaker?

**Chair: Eva Doležalová**

**15,15 – 15,35**
**David TROJAN** – *The Bohemian King and the Bishop of Prague: On Power Relations in Thirteenth- and Early Fourteenth-Century Bohemia*

**15,35 – 15,55**
**Jakub RAZIM** – *Rejected Royals I. How to forget King Henry of Carinthia*

**15,55 – 16,15**
**Dana DVOŘÁČKOVÁ-MALÁ** – *Rejected Royals II. How to Forget Queen Anne of Přemyslid*

**16,15 – 16,30 Discussion**

**16,30 – 17,00 COFFEE BREAK**

**Chair: Dana Dvořáčková-Malá**

**17,00 – 17,20**
**Renáta MODRÁKOVÁ** – *Royal Daughter and Abbess Kunhuta: A Pawn or a Player on the Political Chessboard of the Late Přemyslids?*

**17,20 – 17,40**
**Kateřina LANČOVÁ – Barbora HERČÍKOVÁ** – *A Time of Uncertainty: The Economic Background of Bohemian Queens during a Period of Power Fragmentation*

**17,40 – 18,00**
**Veronika HEJLOVÁ** – *The Significance of Women After the Extinction of a Royal Dynasty: Research into Pious gifts and Intercession of Elizabeth Přemyslid and Elizabeth of Pomerania*

**18,00 – 18,15 Discussion**

**18,15**
**Royal Studies Journal Prizes**
**RECEPTION, foyer**

**14,25 – 14,45**
**Jennifer FORSHAW** – *Caroline of Brandenburg-Ansbach and the Idea of a Royal Family in Britain, 1714–1737*

**14,45 – 15,00 Discussion**

**15,00 – 15,15 COFFEE BREAK**

**Chair: Michal Vokurka**

**15,15 – 15,35**
**Vytas JANKAUSKAS** – *The Funeral of Duke Šventaragis: A Legendary Narrative of the Introduction of a New Ritual Tradition*

**15,35 – 15,55**
**Krisztina RÁBAI** – *1506 as a Dynastic Turning Point: Succession, Birth News, and the Material Practice of Mourning in Jagiellonian Account Books*

**15,55 – 16,15**
**Maria Paula LOURENÇO** – *"For this cause, life and works": Memory and Feelings in the Funeral Sermons of King John IV*.

**16,15 – 16,30 Discussion**

**16,30 – 17,00 COFFEE BREAK**

**SESSION:**
Birth, Death and Dynastic Survival

**Chair: Ellie Woodacre**

**17,00 – 17,20**
**Kathleen WILSON-CHEVALIER** – *Claude de France: Imagery of Sterility and Fertility, and Dynastic Survival*

**17,20 – 17,40**
**Pauline VAN THIENEN** – *Strengthening a Dynasty through Female Legacy: The Example of Anne and Madeleine de la Tour d'Auvergne*

**17,40 – 18,00**
**Gabriella SCARLATTA** – *Beyond Death and Mourning: Lessons of Perseverance and Patience*

**18,00 – 18,15 Discussion**

**18,15**
**Royal Studies Journal Prizes**
**RECEPTION, foyer**

# THURSDAY

**9,00 – 9,30**
**Registration & Morning Coffee**

## ROOM 205

**9,30 – 10,15**
**Key Speaker:**
**Jonathan SPANGLER** – *Protecting Against Peril: The Uses of Dynastic Extensions—siblings, cousins—in Safeguarding Royal Continuity in the Early Modern Period*

**10,15 – 10,35 COFFEE BREAK**

### WAITING FOR SUCCESSORS

**Chair: Michal Vokurka**

**10,35 – 10,55**
**Lucía BELÉN GÓMEZ** – *Royal Infertility and Dynastic Succession: The Case of Maria of Castile, Queen-Lieutenant of Aragon (1401–1458)*

**10,55 – 11,15**
**Amy BURCHER** – *Making Way for a Prince: Anticipating a Lancastrian Heir*

**11,15 – 11,35**
**Patrik PAŠTRNÁK** – *"We will not omit any remedy to conceive children." Pregnancy, Infertility, and Motherly Roles of Central European Queens*

**11,35 – 11,55**
**Jiří KUBEŠ** – *Succession, Diplomacy, and Dynastic Communication in the Reich: Diplomatic Reports from Saxony to Vienna, 1667–1672*

**11,55 – 12,15 Discussion**

**12,15 – 14,00**
**LUNCH BREAK (OWN)**

## ROOM 206

### SHAPING OF ROYAL MEN AND WOMEN

**Chair: Jan Zelenka**

**10,35 – 10,55**
**Tatum TULLIS** – *"Ending How He Began: The Incapacities of Edward III"*

**10,55 – 11,15**
**Inês OLAIA** – *A Failing Queen and her Kingdom's People*

**11,15 – 11,35**
**Manuela SANTOS SILVA** – *The Generation of Offspring: The Major Issue at the Origin of and throughout the Marriage of Philip III, Duke of Burgundy, with Isabella of Portugal (1430–1467)*

**11,35 – 11,55**
**Sarah BETTS** – *"Haunted by visions of Queen Duff the First": Anxieties about Dynastic Security and the Strength of the Monarchy Raised by the Prospect of Female and Matrilineal Succession in Britain after the Tudors*

**11,55 – 12,15 Discussion**

**12,15 – 14,00**
**LUNCH BREAK (OWN)**

## ROOM 108

### DEPOSITION AND REJECTION OF RULERS

**Chair: Dustin M. Neighbors**

**10,35 – 10,55**
**Cathleen SARTI** – *Deposing a Monarch – a Step-by-Step Model from Early Modern Europe*

**10,55 – 11,15**
**Charlotte BACKERRA** – *"Due to his foolishness, his realm and subjects suffered": Dynastic Peril and the Staged Abdication of Landgrave Maurice of Hesse in 1627*

**11,15 – 11,35**
**Mitchell PERRY** – *Dynasties Facing Exile: A Comparison of the Wittelsbach-Palatine Dynasty and the Stuart Dynasty*

**11,35 – 11,55**
**Frans Willem LANTINK** – *Depositions, Departures and Abdications of Monarchs in Portugal, Spain and Greece in the 20th Century*

**11,55 – 12,15 Discussion**

**12,15 – 14,00**
**LUNCH BREAK (OWN)**

**Chair: Dustin M. Neighbors**

**14,00 – 14,20**
**Margarida PÓVOA** – *Motherhood beyond the Grave. The Case of Queen Maria Sofia of Neuburg (1666–1699)*

**14,20 – 14,40**
**Kolja LICHY** – *A Generation in Limbo. The Wettins in the Second Half of the 18th Century between Saxon Regency and the Polish Crown*

**14,40 – 15,00**
**Georg KAULFERSCH** – *An Heir for Europe? Dynastic Anticipation and the Transnational Debate over the Succession in 18th Century Bavaria*

**15,00 – 15,20**
**Matthieu MENSCH** – *1820: The End of the Bourbon of France? From the Death of the Heir to the Miracle Child*

**15,20 – 15,40 Discussion**

**15,40 – 16,10 COFFEE BREAK**

**SHAPING OF ROYAL MEN AND WOMEN**

**Chair: Zuzana Vařáková**

**16,10 – 16,30**
**Charlie SPRAGG** – *'Mourning should be mourning, and marriage rejoicings rejoicings': King James VI and I and the Renegotiation of Stuart Family Politics*

**16,30 – 16,50**
**Jessica L. BECKER** – *Charles I's Performance of Domestic Masculinity as Dynastic Peril in Calvinistic Politics*

**16,50 – 17,10**
**Alexander RYLAND** – *'Rex Fugitivus': Satirising Royal Masculinity in Medallic Representations of the Flight of James VII & II*

**17,10 – 17,25 Discussion**

**18,00**
**CONCERT, room 205**

**Chair: Ellie Woodacre**

**14,00 – 14,20**
**Natasha HODGSON** – *Toregene Khatun, Dynastic Succession and Crusading Contexts*

**14,20 – 14,40**
**Irena KOZMANOVÁ** – *The Subjects' Desire for Heirs. Frederick William of Brandenburg under Pressure from His Estates to Begin a Family*

**14,40 – 15,00**
**Andrii BOVGYRIA** – *Between Hetman and Monarch: Perceiving Royal Authority in the Ukrainian Hetmanate (17th–18th Centuries)*

**15,00 – 15,20**
**Cinzia RECCA** – *From Upbringing to Rule: Dynastic Education and the Politics of Royal Gender in the Eighteenth-Century Kingdom of Naples*

**15,20 – 15,40 Discussion**

**15,40 – 16,10 COFFEE BREAK**

**Chair: Michaela Žáková**

**16,10 – 16,30**
**Lisa CASTRO** – *Queen Josephine of Sweden and Norway (1807–1876) The Making of the First Real Bernadotte Queen Consort*

**16,30 – 16,50**
**Enzo NOVELLO** – *"Queens are public men, and therefore lose the privileges of their sex": Republican Discourses on Queenship in the Brazilian Press (1870–1889)*

**16,50 – 17,10**
**Noé VAGNER-CLÉVENOT** – *The Empire Personified: Franz Joseph's Omnipresence in Imperial Narratives in Austria-Hungary, 1848–1916*

**17,10 – 17,20 Discussion**

**18,00**
**CONCERT, room 205**

**Chair: Jonathan Spangler**

**14,00 – 14,20**
**Marc W. S. JAFFRE** – *New Dynasties, Legitimacy and Ritual in Bourbon France and Tokugawa Japan*

**14,20 – 14,40**
**Jiří HRBEK –** *Threatened by Land Estates. Ferdinand of Styria in the Crisis Moments of the Early 17th Century*

**14,40 – 15,00**
**Aleksandra ZIOBER** – *Legitimacy through Legacy: The Vasa Kings, Jagiellonian Memory, and the Struggle for Dynastic Stability*

**15,00 – 15,20**
**William GODSEY** – *Strategic Survival: The House of Arenberg's Trajectory in the Napoleonic Empire*

**15,20 – 15,40 Discussion**

**15,40 – 16,10 COFFEE BREAK**

**Chair: Patrik Paštrnák**

**16,10 – 16,30**
**Dalibor JANIŠ** – *When the King Breaks the Law: Legal Limits of Royal Power, the Right of Resistance, and the Possibility of Suing the Monarch in the Medieval Czech Lands*

**16,30 – 16,50**
**Vicente MARTINS** – *The Legal Framework of Marriage Law in Medieval Portugal: King Pedro I Concerns on Legitimizing his Children with Inês de Castro*

**16,50 – 17,10**
**Paweł FIKTUS** – *Frederick Augustus I and Two Failed Attempts of Introducing a Hereditary Dynasty of Wettin in Poland*

**17,10 – 17,20 Discussion**

**18,00**
**CONCERT, room 205**

# FRIDAY

**9,00 – 9,15**
**Registration & Morning Coffee**

## ROOM 205

**9,15 – 10,00**
**Key Speaker: Milena BRAVERMANOVÁ** – *Royals and Archaeological Textiles by Prague Castle*

**10,00 – 10,15 COFFEE BREAK**

### HANDICAPS AND DISABILITIES OF MONARCHS

**Chair: Zita Rohr**

**10,15 – 10,35**
**Jana FANTYSOVÁ MATĚJKOVÁ** – *The Blindness of the King. The Case of John of Luxembourg, King of Bohemia*

**10,35 – 10,55**
**Amanda WRENN ALLEN** – *Birthing Dynastic Stability: Medieval Medicine's Role in Aiding British Queens with Fertility and Safe Pregnancies*

**10,55 – 11,15**
**Gerardo RAPPAZZO AMURA** – *Healing the Heir, Canonizing the Saint: Crossed Identity Legitimation in Early Modern Visual Culture*

11,15 – 11,30 **Discussion**

**11,30 – 13,20**
**LUNCH BREAK (OWN)**

**Chair: Zita Rohr**

**13,20 – 13,40**
**André CARACOL TEIXEIRA** – *How to Cope with an Impaired King? Portuguese Strategies for King Afonso VI (1643–1683)*

**13,40 – 14,00**
**Joost WELTEN** – *A Disabled Crown Prince in Times of Crisis: Ferdinand of Habsburg in the Years 1793–1815*

## ROOM 206

### SHAPING OF ROYAL MEN AND WOMEN

**Chair: Michaela Žáková**

**10,15 – 10,35**
**Madigan SWARTZ** – *Edward II: Tyrant, Martyr, and Activist*

**10,35 – 10,55**
**Pedro ÁLVAREZ-CIFUENTES** – *Soror Violante do Céu: Verses for a Fragile Crown*

**10,55 – 11,15**
**Carolyn HARRIS** – *Marie Antoinette's Book Collection*

11,15 – 11,30 **Discussion**

**11,30 – 13,20**
**LUNCH BREAK (OWN)**

### DEPOSITION AND REJECTION OF RULERS

**SESSION:** The role of women in times of dynastic crisis

**Chair: David Trojan**

**13,20 – 13,40**
**Caroline WILHELMSSON** – *Queen Anastasia's fight for dynastic survival amid internal conflicts in 11th-century Hungary*

**13,40 – 14,00**
**Louise BERGLUND** – *The survival of the House of Bjälbo: The role of a queen and a queen mother, 1291–1361*

## ROOM 108

### DEPOSITION AND REJECTION OF RULERS

**Chair: Ellie Woodacre**

**10,15 – 10,35**
**Fatima RHORCHI** – *The Thirty Years' Crisis (1727–1757 CE): When Sultans are Appointed at the Whim of the 'Abid (slave) Army in Morocco*

**10,35 – 10,55**
**Izabella WIERCIŃSKA – Aneta BIAŁY** – *"Painterly Visions of Royal Misfortunes and Downfalls." Stanislaus August (1732–1798), Last King of Poland in 1771 and 1793 by Marcello Bacciarelli (1731–1818)*

**10,55 – 11,15**
**Maria Gabriella Tigani Sava** – *La dynastie de Naples a cessé de régner': 1806 in the memoirs of King Joseph Bonaparte, General Guglielmo Pepe, and Hugh Elliott, English diplomat at the court of Naples*

11,15 – 11,30 **Discussion**

**11,30 – 13,20**
**LUNCH BREAK (OWN)**

**SESSION:** Palaces, Porcelain, and (Divine) Power: Japanese Imperials and International Perils

**Chair: Jaime Selwood**

**13,20 – 13,40**
**Alison MILLER** – *Renewal After Colonial Peril: The Royal Palaces of Seoul in the Aftermath of Imperial Japan*

**13,40 – 14,00**
**Sarah SCHMID** – *Empress Jingū and the Subjugation of the Three Korean Kingdoms*

**14,00 – 14,20**
**Rafaella PILO** – *News concerning the King of Spain's Health Conditions: The Construction of the Hechizado Legend (1665–1675)*

**14,20 – 14,35 Discussion**

**14,35 – 14,50 COFFEE BREAK**

## DEPOSITION AND REJECTION OF RULERS

**Chair: Jiří Kubeš**

**14,50 – 15,10**
**Dorota GREGOROWICZ** – *Post-Tridentine Papal Geopolitics in Central and Eastern Europe: Apostolic Nunciatures, Royal Elections, and the Habsburg Cause*

**15,10 – 15,30**
**Michal VOKURKA** – *Biological coincidence and its impact on confession, succession, and inheritance. The Duchy of Saxe-Lauenburg around 1660*

**15,30 – 15,40 Discussion**

**15,40 – 16,00 COFFEE BREAK**

**Chair: Jiří Kubeš**

**16,00 – 16,20**
**Michaela ŽÁKOVÁ** – *Dynastic Authority under Pressure: the Wölfling Case*

**16,20 – 16,40**
**Teoni PASSEREAU** – *Initiating and Negotiating Franco-English Diplomatic Relations, 1660–1664*

**16,40 – 17,00**
**Charlotte VALLIS** – *'Come Sir, will you sign this, your Abdication, for the Good of me and my Son?' The Overthrow of Peter III, January 1762–June 1762*

**17,00 – 17,15 Discussion**

**14,00 – 14,20**
**Fabian PERSSON** – *Mission Impossible: Three Queens and the End of the Holstein-Gottorp Dynasty in Sweden*

**14,20 – 14,35 Discussion**

**14,35 – 14,50 COFFEE BREAK**

**Chair: Ellie Woodacre**

**14,50 – 15,10**
**José Manuel CERDA** – *Monarchy on the Move. Using Digital Humanities to Analyse the Itinerary and Reign of Fernando III of Castile and Leon*

**15,10 – 15,30**
**Yanina RYIER** – *Invisible Threads of Power: Gediminas' Daughters as Instruments of Lithuanian Political Safeguard in the Early Fourteenth Century*

**15,30 – 15,40 Discussion**

**15,40 – 16,00 COFFEE BREAK**

**SESSION:** Captivity, Young Hostages, and Dynastic Trauma Seen from Both Sides

**Chair: Ellie Woodacre**

**16,00 – 16,20**
**Maxim HOFFMAN** – *Between Captivity and Concord: Eleanor of Austria and the Valois Dynastic Peril after Pavia*

**16,20 – 16,40**
**Sheila FFOLLIOTT** – *Catherine de' Medici and Images of Dynasty*

**16,40 – 16,50 Discussion**

**14,00 – 14,20**
**Mary REDFERN** – *Politics and the Dinner Table: A Banquet between Japan's Meiji Emperor and King David Kalakaua in 1881*

**14,20 – 14,35 Discussion**

**14,35 – 14,50 COFFEE BREAK**

**Chair: Marc W. S. Jaffre**

**14,50 – 15,10**
**Jaime SELWOOD** – *Recognition Without Protection: Meiji Japan and the Eclipse of the Hawaiian Kingdom, 1870–1893*

**15,10 – 15,30**
**Branko OSTAJMER** – *Croatian Ban Antun Mihalović and the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy*

**15,30 – 15,40 Discussion**

**15,40 – 16,00 COFFEE BREAK**

**Chair: Marc W. S. Jaffre**

**16,00 – 16,20**
**Tomas DOMAGOJ** – *Slavonian Episode in the Life of István Horthy in 1940: Nobility Networks and the Quasi-dynastic Legitimacy of the Regency*

**16,20 – 17,00**
**Matej VODOPIVEC – Tamara LOGAR** – *From Sovereigns to Scapegoats: The Media Dismantling of the Karađorđević Dynasty in Slovenia during and Immediately after the Second World War (1941–1945)*

**17,00 – 17,10 Discussion**

**17,30**
**THE END OF CONFERENCE, Announcement of the next K&Q Conference**

# SIDE EVENTS OF THE CONFERENCE

## SATURDAY
## 5TH SEPTEMBER

### No 1
### EXCURSION TO KONOPIŠTĚ CASTLE

- **up to 45 participants**
- transport by coach
- **departure at 10:00 from Prague**
- arrival at Konopiště around 12:15
- **guided castle tours at 13:00 and 13:10 (two groups of up to 25 participants each); tour route: Apartments of the south wing of the castle (1st tour)**
- after the guided tour, participants may individually go for lunch, or visit the extensive castle park (free of charge), or the Rose Garden Greenhouses (entry fee CZK 100 per person)
- **departure from Konopiště at 16:00**
- return to Prague in the afternoon
- participation fee: EUR 30 per person

### No 2
### PRAGUE CITY EXCURSION

- **up to 45 people** (possible use of headphones)
- with official licensed guide *Lenka Jerie* in English
- **a walk from the Old Town Square to the Prague Castle, following the Royal Route – taken by a coronation procession for the coronation of the Bohemian Rulers**
- takes about **three hours**
- participation fee: EUR 20 per person