The Modern Invention of ‘Dynasty’: A Global Intellectual History, 1500–2000
University of Birmingham, Strathcona Building, Lecture Room 7
21–23 September 2017

Day 1, Thursday 21 Sept

9.00 Registration

9.45 Welcome address and introduction
Simon Yarrow (BRIHC Director), Ilya Afanasyev & Milinda Banerjee

10.00 Keynote 1 Pamela Crossley (Dartmouth College)
‘Dynasty’ and the Locus of Legitimacy in the Qing Domains, 1689–1912
Chair: Manjeet Ramgotra (SOAS, University of London)

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Panel 1: Theoretical Preliminaries: Three Moments in Defining ‘Dynasty’
Chair: Simon Yarrow (BRIHC, University of Birmingham)

- Ilya Afanasyev (BRIHC, University of Birmingham): ‘Dynasty’: Does the History of the Word Matter?
- Milinda Banerjee (LMU Munich/Presidency University, Kolkata): The Spread of the Sovereign State Model as a ‘Motor’ for Dynasticization of Political Concepts and Practices in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Global History
- Dina Gusejnova (University of Sheffield): Four Concepts of Dynasty in German Intellectual History ca. 1900

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Panel 2: Colonial Foundations of Dynastic Constructions: Rethinking South Asia
Chair: Faisal Devji (University of Oxford)

- Manu Sehgal (University of Birmingham): Politics and the Politics of Conquest: Recovering a Global History of Empire Building in Late Eighteenth-Century South Asia
- Priya Atwal (University of Oxford): ‘Royal Blood’ and the Making of Queen Victoria’s ‘Imperial Family’
- Simon Cubelic (Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities): Transnational Dynastic Knowledge in Nineteenth-Century Nepal? Nepali Chronicles of the Kings of England

16.30 Coffee break
17.00 Panel 3: Early Modern Figurations I: Centring the ‘Margins’
Chair: Liesbeth Geevers (Justus-Liebig-Universität, Gießen)

- Endre Sashalmi (University of Pécs): Perception(s) of the Ruling Kin in Russia from 1547 to 1725 in the Most Important Written and Visual Sources of Political Ideology
- Tom Tölle (Princeton University): Frail Royal Bodies and the Making of Dynastic Eurocentrism, c. 1699 – 1716

18.30 Wine Reception

Day 2, Friday 22 Sept

10.00 Keynote 2 Richard Wortman (Columbia University)
Law and Representation in Russian Dynastic Succession
Chair: Frances Nethercott (University of St Andrews)

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Panel 4: Early Modern Figurations II: Dynastic Narratives in Europe
Chair: Nikolas Funke (BRIHC, University of Birmingham)

- Liesbeth Geevers (Justus-Liebig-Universität, Gießen): Conceptualizing the House of Austria, 1480–1650

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Panel 5: Semi-Colonialism, Informal Imperialism, and Dynastic Constructions: East and Southeast Asia
Chair: Milinda Banerjee (LMU Munich/Presidency University, Kolkata)

- David Malitz (Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok): Performing Legitimate Kingship in Pre-Modern and Modern Siam
- Ines Eben v. Racknitz (Nanjing University): The China War of 1860: British, French and Chinese Concepts of Rulership and Dynasty
- Egas Moniz Bandeira (Heidelberg University): Dynasty or Nation? Sino-Foreign Dialogues at the Turn of the Twentieth Century

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Panel 6: The Dialectics of ‘Dynasty’ and ‘Family’ in the Modern and Contemporary Age
Chair: Ilya Afanasyev (BRIHC, University of Birmingham)

- Adrian Daub (Stanford University): Dynasty in the Age of Nuclear Family
- Anushree (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi): *Political Dynasties in Rajasthan: Trends and Challenges in an Indian State*
- Tim Gibbs (UCL): *Four Funerals and a Car Crash: Nelson Mandela and His Kinsmen*

**17.30 Coffee break**

**18.00 Keynote 3**  Faisal Devji (University of Oxford)  
*The Dynastic Idea and Critique of Politics in Modern Islam*  
Chair: Daniel Rycroft (University of East Anglia)

**19.30 Conference dinner**

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**Day 3, Saturday 23 Sept**

**9.45 Panel 7: Dynastic Transformations in Modern Empires**  
Chair: Dina Gusejnova (University of Sheffield)
- Heidi Mehrkens (University of Aberdeen): *In Dynastic No-Man’s Land: Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian of Habsburg and the Throne of Mexico*
- Darin Stephanov (Aarhus University): *Ruler Visibility, The Invention of ‘Dynasty’, and Modern Belonging in the Late Russian and Ottoman Empires: Comparative, Trans-Imperial and Global Historical Dimensions*

**11.00 Coffee break**

**11.30 Panel 8: Afterlives and Resiliences: Dynastic Formations in the Twentieth Century**  
Chair: Lucie Ryžova (University of Birmingham)
- Hussein Omar (University of Oxford): *Of Kings and Caliphs: Monarchy After the Age of Dynastic Empires, 1914-1924*
- Adam Mestyan (Duke University): *Sovereignty and the Order of Succession in Arab National Monarchies, 1914–1936*
- Maximilian Drephal (University of Sheffield): *Modernity and Monarchy in Afghanistan: Colonial India and Dynastic Change in 1929*

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00 Keynote 4**  Julia Adams (Yale University)  
*Ruling Families and Political Dynasties in Modernity*  
Chair: Natalia Nowakowska (University of Oxford)

**15:00 Conference closes**