

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) : *Polities 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*
- Naveen Kanalu Ramamurthy (UCLA) : *Figurations of Dynasty: The Grand Mogul, a Symptomatic Idea of the Despotic Prince*

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*
- Cathryn Enis (University of Birmingham) : *Lineage and the Ideology of Power in England: The Dudley Earls of Warwick and Leicester, 1561–1590*
- Jessica S. Hower (Southwestern University) : *From ‘Tydder’ to ‘Tudor’, ‘Stewart’ to ‘Stuart’: Dynasty, Empire and Identity in the Early Modern Atlantic World*

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**

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**