The Key to Power?
The Culture of Access in Early Modern Courts, 1400–1700

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THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER

09.00 Registration

09.30 Welcome and introduction
Dries RAEMAEKERS (University of Antwerp)
Sebastiaan DERKS (Huygens Institute for the History of the Netherlands)
Krista DE JONGE (University of Leuven), PALATIUM Chair

09.45 Keynote lecture
Ronald G. ASCH (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg)
Patronage, Friendship and the Politics of Access: The Role of the Early Modern Favourite Revisited

10.35 Discussion

10.50 Coffee break

Session I. Articulating Access

Chair: Sebastiaan DERKS

11.20 Christina ANTENHOFER (Universität Innsbruck)
Meeting the Prince between the City and the Family: The Resignification of Castello San Giorgio in Mantova (14th-16th Century)
Session II. Regulating Access

Chair: Fabian Persson

14.00 Alexandra Beauchamp (Université de Limoges)
'Estant nós en la dita rambla ab tota aquella gran multitud.' Direct Contacts between the Kings of Aragon and their Subjects (14th century)

14.20 Katarzyna Kuras (Jagiellonian University, Krakow)
Was it Easy to Get to the King? Access of the Nobles to the Monarch during the 16th and 17th Centuries in Poland

14.40 Charles C. Noel (New York University, London)
Access - Privileged and Unprivileged at the Changing Spanish Court, 1665-1788

15.00 Discussion

15.30 Coffee break

Chair: Jonathan Spanger

16.00 Michael Talbot (SOAS - University of London)
Accessing the Shadow of God on Earth: Gifts, Feasts, and Humiliation in Ottoman Diplomatic Ceremonial

16.20 Maartje Van Gelder (University of Amsterdam)
Rebel Diplomats: The Dutch Envoys’ Access to the Court of Henry IV of France, 1598-1609

16.40 Neil Younger (University of Essex)
Access, Favour and Religious Division at the Court of Elizabeth I of England

17.00 Discussion

19.30 Conference dinner (by invitation)
FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER

08.30 Registration

Session III. Theorizing Access
Chair: Dries RAEMYMAEKERS

09.00 Florence BERLAND (Université Lille 3 - IRHiS)
   Access to the Prince’s Court in Late Medieval Paris

09.20 Orsolya RÉTHELYI (Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest)
   Access to the King and Queen in Late Medieval Hungary. Conflicting Conceptions of
   Order in Princely Households

09.40 Audrey TRUSCHKE (Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge)
   European Experiences and Interpretations of Access at Indian Courts

10.00 Discussion

10.30 Coffee break

Session IV. Monopolizing Access
Chair: Ronald G. ASCH

11.00 Eric HASSLER (Université Paris I - Sorbonne)
   Quantifying the Approachability of the Emperor: The Question of the Number of
   Chamberlains on Duty in the Court of Vienna (1670-1720)

11.20 Anna KALINOWSKA (Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of History)
   The King, the Favourite and the Ambassador. Sir Thomas Roe at the Polish Court, 1629

11.40 Discussion

12.00 Lunch

13.30 Fabian PERSSON (Linnaeus University, Kalmar)
   The Battle for Access: Access During a Royal Minority, 1660-1672

13.50 Jonathan SPANGLER (Manchester Metropolitan University)
   Those Who Hold the Keys: Princes, Grand Chamberlains, and Grand Equerries and the
   Rivalry of Access at the Early Modern French Court

14.10 Discussion

14.30 Coffee break
**Session V. Presentations by Early Career Researchers**

Chair: Pieter MARTENS (University of Leuven), PALATIUM Coordinator  
Respondent: Hans COOLS (University of Leuven)

15.00  Aubrée DAVID-CHAPY (Université de Paris IV - Sorbonne)  
*Anne de France, Closeness to the King and Power*

15.15  Steven THIRY (University of Antwerp)  
*Forging Dynasty. The Politics of Dynastic Affinity in Burgundian-Habsburg Baptism Ceremonial (1430-1505)*

15.30  Klara PAKO (Academy of Sciences, Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania)  
*Access to Power at the Confiness of Europe. The Case of the Princely Court of Alba Iulia in Transylvania in the 16th and 17th Centuries*

15.45  Sara J. WOLFSON (Manchester Metropolitan University)  
*Distinguished Guests, Diplomacy and Foreign Policy at the Caroline Court, 1638-1641*

16.00  Discussion

**16.30  Concluding remarks**

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