

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 RAEYMAEKERS (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)

- 11.40 Encarnación LÓPEZ (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
Symbolic Spaces in Madrid's Alcázar: Doors and Keys Providing Access to the Planet King
- 12.00 Neil MURPHY (Northumbria University)
The Court on the Move: Royal Entries and Access to the Monarch in France, c. 1400-1560
- 12.20 Discussion
- 12.45 Lunch**

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 SPANGLER

- 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 RAEYMAEKERS

- 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, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
Access to Power at the Confines 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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