Call for Papers

Kingdoms, empire and legacies: assessing the Stuart dynasty and its histories, 1603-2014

A British Academy early career research networking event commemorating the 300th anniversary of the end of the regnant Stuarts

Friday 29 August 2014, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

This one-day symposium explores the histories and legacies of the Stuart dynasty from the union of the crowns in 1603 until the present day. The focus will be on the Stuart dynasty, rather than seventeenth-century Britain more generally, and particular attention will be paid to the dynastic impetus behind domestic and foreign policy, cultural patronage, and contemporary responses to the dynastic framework of three kingdoms’ politics. The symposium will consider the legacies of the Stuarts in later centuries, in academic writing, popular, elite and political culture. It is intended to offer an inter-disciplinary perspective on the Stuart dynasty, and to consider the histories of the dynasty in its own time, and beyond.

Abstracts from early career research fellows and final-year PhD students are especially welcome, although submissions from scholars at other career-points will also be considered. Suggested themes for papers include, but are not limited to: biography; historiography; domestic and foreign policy; dynastic relations with Europe; England, Ireland and Scotland; dynasty and empire; ceremony and ritual; religion; popular culture; responses to the Stuart dynasty (including Jacobitism) in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries; the Stuarts in literature, art, film and television.

There is no cost to attend the symposium, and some financial assistance will be available for speakers. Papers should last 20 minutes. Registration requests and proposal abstracts of 300 words should be sent to Dr Eoin Devlin at revolutionandrestoration@googlemail.com by 8 August. Information about registration, keynote speakers and the symposium’s schedule can be found at http://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/research/conferences.