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International Doctoral Conference

# THREE CENTURIES IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

## European Aristocracy in the Early Modern Period

Hradec Králové – Pardubice  
2nd – 3rd October 2025

Organized in cooperation with the Department of Auxiliary Sciences of History and Archival Studies, University of Hradec Králové, and the Institute of History, University of Pardubice.

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**Thursday 02/10/2025 MORNING**

8:30 Beginning of the Conference (Univerzita Hradec Králové, náměstí Svobody 331/2, Hradec Králové 2)

8:50 Introductory Speech by Mons. Prokop Brož, Auxiliary Bishop of Diocese Reginae Gradecensis

9:00 Csongor Cziráki, Pázmány Péter Catholic University

*Trent Reform. Turkish Threat, Family Building. Catholic Prelate on the Frontiers of the Habsburg Empire [Bishop György Széchényi of Veszprém, 1648–1658]*

9:20 Dorottya Piroska B. Székely, Eötvös Loránd University

*Hungarian Ecclesiastical Elite in the Second Half of the 17th Century – The Patronage of an Archbishop*

9:40 Discussion

10:00 Coffee break

10:10 Patryk Kuc, Jagiellonian University

*Church and Royal Estate Administrators in Early Modern Poland*

10:30 Ladislav Holoubek, Episcopal Archives of Diocese of Hradec Králové

*The Episcopal Archive in the Early Modern Period as a Historical Phenomenon*

10:50 Discussion

11:40 Lunch



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**Thursday 02/10/2025 AFTERNOON**

13:00 Eneo Branelli, University of Modena e Reggio Emilia, University of Suor Orsola Benincasa di Napoli, University Rey Juan Carlos de Madrid

*Just a Family Archive? New Perspectives from the Barberini Archive*

13:20 Michal Nguyen, Palacký University

*Appointing Assessors to the Moravian Land Court during the Reign of Charles VI*

13:40 Nelly Eisenreich, University of Vienna

*Aristocratic Officeholders as Regional Distributors of Power in the 17th Century Habsburg Monarchy: The Lower Austrian Counts of Abensperg and Traun and their Ties to the Estates*

14:00 Discussion

14:20 Coffee break

14:30 Veronika Šubrtová, University of Pardubice

*The Economic Activities of the Princess Sofia Agnes of Ditrichstein, Born as Countess of Mansfeld, in the Second Half of the 17th Century*

14:50 Hanna-Lisa von Lenthe, University of Vienna

*Evolving Images of Power: The Changing Self-Representation of the Neufürsten Through Coinage from the Early to the High Baroque*

15:10 Ondrej Šály, The Institute of History at the Slovak Academy of Sciences

*Aristocracy, so-called Middle Nobility and Petty Nobility in the Hungarian Kingdom: an Economic Perspective*

15:30 Discussion

16:30 Excursion: Bishopric Library of the Diocese of Hradec Králové

18:00 Dinner and social evening



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**Friday 03/10/2025 MORNING**

9:00 Beginning of the 2nd Day of the Conference (Univerzita Pardubice, náměstí Čs. legií 565, Pardubice 1)

9:30 Keynote Speech by Prof. Thomas Nicklas, University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne

10:00 Pavel Lasztovicza, Palacký University

*From Ancestry to Identity. The Genealogical Pursuits of Přemyslav (III) of Zierotin*

10:20 Zoltán Ujj, Eötvös Loránd University

*Career Building in the Court of the Habsburg Archdukes in the 16th Century*

10:40 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:20 Emily Deelen Porta, Complutense University of Madrid

*Queen, Lady-in-Waiting and Confessor between Madrid, Tuscany and the Empire: a Power Network for House of Austria's Interests (1599-1624)*

11:40 Nathalie D. Schiffer, University of Vienna

*Dressing the Court: Material Culture, Economic Strategy, and Social Identity in the Lives of Early Modern Austrian Ladies-in-Waiting*

12:00 Weronika Paszek, University of Silesia in Katowice

*"From Violent Invasions of Ways [...] I Will Defend Myself" – on the Conflicts of the Nobility: the Dispute over the Property of the Sobieski Family*

12:20 Discussion

13:00 Lunch



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**Friday 03/10/2025 AFTERNOON**

15:00 Olivér Gillich, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest City Archives

*Aristocrats in the Service of the Eastern Diplomacy. Friedrich von Breuner permanent and István Nyáry extraordinary Habsburg ambassadors in Constantinople at the beginning of the 1580s*

15:20 Veronika Hřebíková, University of Pardubice

*Diplomatic Mission of the French Envoy Guillaume Ancel at the Court of Rudolph II*

15:40 Viktor Róbert Sinka, Eötvös Loránd University

*Between Two Worlds: The Last Habsburg Ambassador in 16th-Century Constantinople*

16:00 Discussion

16:20 Coffee break

16:30 Alfonso Patón Roldán, Complutense University of Madrid

*Diplomatic and Legal Battles of the Small Italian Aristocracy in the Imperial Court as Proxy Disputes for Control between Allies. The Case of Piombino in 1624.*

16:50 Caroline Rose Fish, Purdue University

*Elite Expectations: Women, Precedence, and Spanish Diplomacy in the Seventeenth-Century Imperial Court*

17:10 Discussion

18:00 Excursion: Pardubice Castle



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### VENUES

#### 2 October 2025

Univerzita Hradec Králové  
náměstí Svobody 331/2  
Hradec Králové 2  
500 02

#### 3 October 2025

Univerzita Pardubice  
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Pardubice 1  
530 02

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