

**Programme for Joint conference with the Society for Court Studies: Courts
and Capitals V 1815-1914**

10 November 2018 Art Workers' Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1N 3AT

- 9.30am Registration
- 10am A N Wilson *Prince Albert's London*
- 10.45am Jane Ridley *The British monarchy and London 1839-1914* plus Q&A
- 11.20am Tea/coffee
- 11.40am Talitha Ilacqua *The Creation of an Imperial Summer Capital: Napoleon III, the Basques and Biarritz*
- 12.30pm David Gelber *Rio Grande: the making of an imperial capital for Brazil, 1822-1889*
- 1.15pm Lunch
- 2.15pm Philip Mansel *Imperial Apogee: Constantinople and Abdulhamid II, 1876-1909*
- 3pm Andrea Merlotti *Ancient capitals for a new monarchy. The 'itineranza' of the Italian Court, 1861-1938: Turin, Florence, Rome, Naples, Venice*
- 4pm Tea/coffee
- 4.20pm George Eckert *From Riches to Rags: the decline and fall of royal Stuttgart* (film presentation in speaker's absence)
- 4.50pm Q&A
- 5.30pm Depart

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Georg Eckert (Bergische Universität Wuppertal) received his PhD at the University of Tübingen in 2008 for a biography of the Jacobite writer Andrew Michael Ramsay (1686-1743). His second book (*Zeitgeist auf Ordnungssuche*, 2016) deals with the policies of reform in Württemberg at the beginning of the 19th century.

David Gelber is Treasurer and Administrator of the Society for Court Studies and an Assistant Editor of the Literary Review. He received his PhD at Oxford, for a doctorate on heralds and heraldry in political, diplomatic and court culture in England between c.1480 and 1600

Talitha Ilacqua is completing her PhD at King's College London on Biarritz and the Second Empire.

Philip Mansel is a co-founder of the Society for Court Studies. His books include a history of Constantinople as capital of the Ottoman Empire and a history of monarchs of the Middle East in old photographs, *Sultans in Splendour*. His life of Louis XIV is scheduled for publication in 2019.

Andrea Merlotti is director of the Centro Studi sulle Residenze Reali Sabaude, Venaria Reale, Turin. He has written about Italian Royal Palaces in his *Andare per Regge and Residenze* (Bologna, 2018) and in the catalogue of the exhibition *Dalle Regge d'Italia. Tesori e simboli della regalità sabauda* (Reggia di Venaria, 2017).

Jane Ridley is a professor of History at Buckingham University and the author of *Bertie: A Life of Edward VII* and a brief life of Queen Victoria in the Penguin monarchs series.

A.N. Wilson's books include *The Victorians* (2002); *London: a short history* (2004); and *Victoria: a life* (2014). His biography of Prince Albert will be published in 2019, bicentenary of the prince's birth in Coburg.