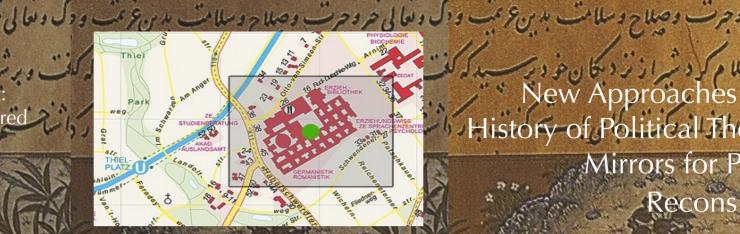
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Conference Program

The history of political thought is often conceived as a genealogy of modern political concepts, debates, and institutions. This approach, however, neglects a substantial portion of medieval and early modern political writing, one subset of which is the genre commonly known as "mirrors for princes" or "advice for rulers." Reconsidering this literature could address important questions in the field of political thought through engagement with non-western traditions, as well as those European strands of thought that have not been recognized by modern historians as necessarily influential in shaping modern European political thought.

The papers presented at this conference will conduct



a close reading of some fundamental aspects of the mirrors for princes genre in the medieval and early modern periods, as well as address connections (or discontinuities) with recent methodological innovations in the historical study of political thought.

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-10:15	STEFAN LEDER (Orient-Institut Beirut), Sovereignty, Law and Community	9:45-10:30	JOHAN Universi Garden
5-11:00	HANS-JOACHIM SCHMIDT (Université de Fribourg), Ethic or Opportunity? Answers to a Dilemma by Medieval Mirrors for Princes	Coffee break	Political
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0-12:15	JENS EIKE SCHNALL (Universität Freiburg), From the Body of the State to the Footprints of an		Wisdom
	Elderly Statesman: Political and Social Thought in the Old Norwegian Speech against the Bishops and the King's Mirror	11:45-12:30	CHRIST Cambric King in t
5-13:00	CHARLES F. BRIGGS (University of Vermont), Scholarly and Intellectual Authority in Late Medieval European Mirrors	12:30-13:15	SEYED S Universi Pre-Islar
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ion 2: Border	s and Classifications	Section 5: Mirro	ors Modern
5-15:00	LOUISE MARLOW (Wellesley College), Mirrors for Princes and Encyclopaedias in the Samanid- Ghaznavid East	14:30-15:15	VASILE and Hel there is Machia
0-15:45	HINRICH BIESTERFELDT (Ruhr-Universität		Modern
	Bochum), Ibn Farighun's <i>Jawâmi' al-'ulûm</i> – at the Border between Classification of Sciences and Mirror for Princes	15:15-16:00	EDWIN Violence on War
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ion 3: Mirror	s in Late Antiquity	Coffee break	
5-17:00	PETER SCHWAGMEIER (Universität Zürich), Rulers and Rule: Jewish Perspectives	16:30-17:15	TOBIAS Ibrahim <i>el-ümen</i>
0-17:45	MATTHIAS HAAKE (Universität Münster), Speaking to the Ruler: Historical Contexts and Communicative Functions of Literary Texts Addressed to Monocrats in Antiquity	17:15-17:45	Final Di and NEO

Saturday, November 3, 2012

1	9:00-9:45	OLGA M. DAVIDSON (Boston University), Aetiologies of <i>Kalîla and Dimna</i> as a Mirror for Princes	
10	9:45-10:30	JOHANNES NIEHOFF-PANAGIOTIDIS (Freie Universität Berlin), A Foreign Tree in Isocrates' Garden – the Reception of Indian and Islamic Political Narration in Byzantium	
	Coffee break		
om	11:00-11:45	MOHSEN ZAKERI (Universität Göttingen), Yet Another Neglected Source of Political Wisdom: Persian Popular Romances	
t in s	11:45-12:30	CHRISTINE VAN RUYMBEKE (University of Cambridge), Cat and Mouse: Manipulating the King in the Anvar-e Sohayli	
	12:30-13:15	SEYED SADEGH HAGHIGHAT (Mofid University, Qom), Persian Mirrors for Princes: Pre-Islamic and Islamic Mirrors Compared	
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	Section 5: Mirrors Modernized		
's -	14:30-15:15	VASILEIOS SYROS (Universities of Jyväskylä and Helsinki), Behind Every Great Reformer there is a "Machiavelli": Al-Maghîlî, Machiavelli, and the Micro-Politics of an Early Modern African and an Italian City-State	
the	15:15-16:00	EDWIN WIERINGA (Universität Köln), Violence in the "Garden of Kings": The Book on War in Nûruddîn ar-Rânîrî's 17th-Century Malay Mirror for Princes	
	Coffee break		
	16:30-17:15	TOBIAS HEINZELMANN (Universität Zürich), Ibrahim Müteferrika's Usul el-Hikem fi nizam el-ümem	
	17:15-17:45	Final Discussion (chair: REGULA FORSTER and NEGUIN YAVARI)	