5th International Colloquium of Genealogy, Heraldry and Vexillology
ICGHV5 22–23 May 2026
Theme: “The State and Noble Families: Political, Social, and Cultural Heritage”

National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

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INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

Scholars, researchers, and specialists in genealogy, heraldry, and vexillology from more than twenty countries will participate, including Argentina, Croatia, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and others.

Friday, 22 May 2026

08:30–09:00 Registration

09:00–09:30 Official Opening of the Colloquium

SESSION I. Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Jan Oscar Engene

Time	Lecture Title	Speaker	Country
09:30–09:50	The Documentary Heritage of Noble Families in the Lithuanian State Historical Archives	Raminta Bindokaitė-Tamulynienė	Lithuania
09:50–10:10	Duties of Blood and the Imitation of Forebears – Royal Service and Appeals for Family-Based Compensation during the Catalan Revolt (1640–1652)	Prof. Dr Gerard Marí i Brull	Spain
10:10–10:30	Draconian Heraldry – A Distinctive Croatian Heraldic Corpus	Assoc. Prof. Dr Željko Heimer	Croatia
10:30–10:50	Noble Titles in the Habsburg Monarchy as a Reward for Enterprise	Dr Miha Preinfalk	Slovenia
10:50–11:10	The State of Arms: Heraldic Manuscripts as Institutional Catalogues of Power in Early Modern England	Dr Netanel Nagar	Israel
11:10–11:30	Administrative Elites and Heraldic Heritage in Early Singapore: Butterworth, Cavenagh, and the Formation of Civic Memory	Dr Adriana Patricia Manea	Singapore
11:30–11:40	**International Research Institute of Comparative Genealogy, Heraldry and Vexillology 2023–2026: Institutional Presentation and Activity Report**	**Dirk Weissleder**	**Germany**
11:40–12:40	Lunch Break		

SESSION II. Moderator: Franciszek Viscardi, PhD candidate

12:40–13:00	Public Administration and the Gonzaga Court: From the Foundation to the End of the Dynasty (1328–1706)	Maria Rosaria Petrilli	Italy
13:00–13:20	Heraldry in Medieval Macedonia: A Crossroads in Time	Ivan Nacevski	Macedonia
13:20–13:40	Noble Heraldry as a Historical Source for the New Territorial Heraldry of the Republic of Moldova	Dr Silviu Andrieș-Tabac	Moldova
13:40–14:00	Knights' Emblems in Silesian Municipal Heraldry	Prof. Dr hab. Marek Lech Wójcik	Poland
14:00–14:20	The Dual Function of the Symbols of the Bagrationi Dynasty as State and Dynastic Arms	Dr Tornike Asatiani	Georgia
14:20–14:40	The Enduring Legacy of Saint Olav in Heraldry	Assoc. Prof. Dr Jan Oscar Engene	Norway
14:40–15:00	Office and Rank: Nobility by Virtue of Office in Denmark (1660–Present)	Dr Alexander Scheel-Exner	Sweden
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break		

SESSION III. Moderator: Dr Netanel Nagar

15:30–15:50	The Farnese Dukes (1545–1737): The Organisation of State Administration in the Farnese State	Dr Riccardo De Rosa	Italy
15:50–16:10	Nobility and Written Memory in Provence (Eleventh–Twelfth Centuries): The Role of Cartularies in Medieval Genealogy, with Particular Reference to the Viscounts of Gap in the Cartulary of the Abbey of Saint-Victor of Marseille	Magnolia Houvenaghel	France
16:10–16:30	The Four Marriages of Lady Zhongshun	Valére Gautier	France
16:30–16:50	The Turning Point of 1888: The Year of the Three German Emperors and the Rise and Fall of the Hohenzollern Dynasty	Dirk Weissleder	Germany
16:50–17:10	The Great-Grandparents of European Royalty: The Genealogical Influence of the Reyes Católicos	Pablo Antonio Pérez	Argentina
17:10–17:30	The State and Noble Families: Political, Social, and Cultural Heritage	Ricardo Charters d'Azevedo	Portugal

18:00–19:00 Guided Tour of the Underground Crypts of Vilnius Cathedral (in English)

20:00–22:00 Dinner at the restaurant "Stikliai Tavern" (Gaono str. 7, Vilnius)

Saturday, 23 May 2026
08:30–09:00 Registration

SESSION IV. Moderator: Paulius Vaniuchinas

09:00–09:20	Mentions of Lithuania from Attila to St Bruno	Dr Vytas Jankauskas	Lithuania
09:20–09:40	An Interdisciplinary Reflection on the Etymology of the Toponym “Prussia”	Wolfgang Brozio	Germany
09:40–10:00	Pomerania: 1000 Years of History and 500 Years under the House of Griffin	Dr Klaus-Dieter Gustav Kohrt	Germany
10:00–10:20	The Question of Kinship between Traidenis and Gediminas	Dr Tomas Baranauskas	Lithuania
10:20–10:40	Queen of Poland and Grand Duchess of Lithuania Bona Sforza and Her Relations with the Lithuanian Nobility: Points of Contact and Intersection	Dr Rasa Leonavičiūtė-Gecevičienė	Lithuania
10:40–11:00	The Queen’s Legacy: The Myth of Barbora Radvilaitė in Cultural Memory	Dr Vaida Ragėnaitė	Lithuania
11:00–11:20	Military Banners of the Radziwiłł Family in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the Seventeenth Century	Franciszek Viscardi, PhD candidate	Poland
11:20–11:40	Sigismund III’s Difficulties in Governing Two Kingdoms and Their Implications for Heraldry	Björn Fridén	Sweden
11:40–12:40	Lunch Break		

SESSION V. Moderator: Wolfgang Brozio

12:40–13:00	The Legacy of Noble Heraldry in Contemporary Latvian Civic Heraldry	Edgar Sims, PhD candidate	Latvia
13:00–13:20	Noble Heraldry, Indigenat, and Armorial Privileges in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (Fifteenth–Seventeenth Centuries)	Dr Oleg Odnorozhenko	Ukraine
13:20–13:40	The Romanovs’ Griffin as a Threat to the Baltic States: Dynastic Succession and Muscovy’s Claims to Livonia	Rostyslav Kasyanenko, PhD candidate	Ukraine / Germany
13:40–14:00	The Hungarian Nobility and Its Connections with Lithuania II (1700–Present)	Prof. Dr László T. Kóczy de Borgó & Nagy-Sikárló, Prof. Dr László Á. Kóczy de Borgó & Nagy-Sikárló	Hungary
14:00–14:20	Jerzy Giedroyc: Between the Giedraičiai Lineage and a Political Vision for East-Central Europe	Dr Barbara Stankiewicz, Anna Bernhardt, Skaidrūnė Vetcelienė	Lithuania France

14:20–14:40	The State and Noble Families: Political, Social, and Cultural Heritage – The Ukrainian Dimension	Ievgen Totskyi	Ukraine
14:40–15:00	From Tequila to Vilnius: Genealogy, Heraldry, and the UNESCO Agave Landscape – Twenty Years of Shared Heritage Linking Lithuania, Scotland, and Mexico	Rodrigo López-Portillo y Lancaster-Jones	Mexico
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break		

SESSION VI. INTERNATIONAL FORUM Moderator: Dirk Weissleder

15:30–16:30 Lineage and Symbols of Authority: Genealogy, Heraldry and Vexillology in the Heritage of States and Noble Families

16:30–16:45 Closing of the Colloquium

19:00–24:00 Gala dinner: At the "Valdovai" restaurant, at the National Museum, in the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

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