**Character Assassination: The Art of Defamation Throughout the Ages**  
*International Colloquium Heidelberg July 21st - July 23rd, 2011*

**Schedule**

**Thursday, 21st of July 2011**

9.00  Welcome and Introduction by Prof. Andrea Jördens

9.20  Dr. Martijn Icks and Dr. Eric Shiraev  
How Do We Study Character Assassination and Defamation?

*Character assassination in Roman & Byzantine times*

10.10 Dr. Henriette van der Blom  
Cicero under Attack: Invective Speech in Roman Republican Oratory

11.30 Dr. Jan Meister  
Berichte über das 'Sexualleben' der frühen römischen Kaiser - ein Beispiel von Rufmord?

14.00 Dr. Martijn Icks  
The Rise of the Tyrant: Character Assassination and Imperial Investiture in Ancient Rome

15.00 Dr. Henning Börm  
Stategien des Rumfords in der Spatantike: Das Beispiel Prokop

*Character assassination in medieval times*

16.15 Prof. Debra Higgs Strickland  
Defaming the Prophet and Islam in Medieval Christian Art and Thought

17.15 Dr. Tracy Adams  
Two Victims of the Burgundian Propaganda Machine: Louis of Orleans and Isabeau of Bavaria
Friday, 22nd of July 2011

Character assassination in late medieval and early modern times

9.00  Dr. Gilles Lecuppre
      A Newcomer in Defamatory Propaganda: Youth (Late 14th - Early 15th Century)

10.00 Prof. Charles Walton
      Calumniators to the Scaffold! The Problem of Free Speech in the French Revolution

11:30 Dr. Edwina Hagen
      Rutger Jan Schimmelpenninck (1761-1825): "awkward and deficient as his wife is amiable and accomplished"

Character assassination in the 19th century

14.00 Dr. Vincent Viaene
      Character Assassination of 19th-Century Popes

15.00 Dr. Christoph Jahr
      Maximilian Harden und die Kunst des Rufmordes

Character assassination in modern politics

16.30 Dr. Andreas Umland
      How Dugin Turned Me Into a 'Pedophile': A Russian Fascist's Defamation Campaign in the Context of Post-Soviet Politics

17.30 General discussion of the day
18.15 Jason Smart
      Character Assassination in the American Political Context
Saturday, 23rd of July 2011

Character assassination in modern politics
9.00  Prof. Kenneth Baxter Wolf
Falsifying the Prophet: Two Early Latin Biographies of Muhammad

Character assassination: political psychology perspectives
10.00 Dr. Ursula Jakubowska
Perception of the Female and Male Presidential Candidates: Experimental Study among the Polish Youth
11.30 Dr. Eric Shiraev
"Destroy the Beast!": Approaching the Political Psychology of Character Assassination in History and Today

12.30 Prof. Sergei Tsytsarev and Dr. Eric Shiraev
Images of the Enemy: The Use of the Mental Disease Label to Create Animosity toward Political Figures and Social Groups

15.00 Final discussion