

**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 Tsytarev 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