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## **1er sept. 2015, Greenville : Kings and Queens 5 : Dynastic Loyalties**

This conference seeks to connect scholars whose research focuses on monarchy, whether investigating specific rulers, specific dynasties, dynastic transitions, or political theories of royal governance and allegiance.

In particular, we are interested in the theme of “Dynastic Loyalty” and we invite papers from all academic disciplines from diverse chronological eras and geographic regions. Potential topics for papers or sessions may include, but are not limited to :

- causes and consequences of disloyalty and faithlessness
- benefits of remaining loyal to a monarch or to a dynasty
- explorations of motivation for loyalty (whether among courtiers or within the court of public opinion)
- roles of propaganda and ritual
- the limits of loyalty
- disloyalty within the dynastic family
- the convergence or divergence of ethnic or nationalist identities and dynastic allegiance
- loyalty as a philosophical or ideological value

The conference location is Clemson University’s Greenville campus, located in the heart of downtown Greenville, SC, in the ONE building. Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville has combined traditional southern charm, stunning natural beauty, and an unexpected contemporary cool to create one of America’s hottest emerging destinations and fastest growing cities. The revitalized downtown ranks among "America’s Ten Best" (Forbes Magazine) with its one of a kind Liberty Bridge, boutique shopping, fabulous restaurants, and distinctive collection of museums and theaters. The conference venue and numerous downtown hotels are located 20 minutes from Greenville Spartanburg airport (GSP) and 90 minutes and 2.5 hours from major international airports in Charlotte, North Carolina (CLT) and Atlanta, Georgia (ATL). Coastal attractions (Myrtle Beach, Charleston) are about a 3.5 - 4 hours’ drive away.

Proposals should include a title, an abstract of c.250 words, institutional affiliation, and a short CV. All papers should be given in English and be 20 minutes long.

Please submit proposals to [monarchyconference chez gmail.com](mailto:monarchyconference@chezgmail.com) by September 1, 2015.