



XXIIIrd COLLOQUIUM OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF HERALDRY

Programme

Iași, 27–30 August 2025

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THE COLLOQUIA

- I. **1978, Muttentz (Switzerland):** *Identification, recherche, classement, symbolique et signification des armoiries. Héraldique funéraire, brisures, armoiries imaginaires*
- II. **1981, Brixen/Bressanone (Italy):** *Les origines des armoiries*
- III. **1983, Montmercy (France):** *Les armoiries non nobles en Europe: XIII^e–XVIII^e*
- IV. **1985, Brussels (Belgium):** *Sources de l'héraldique en Europe occidentale*
- V. **1987, Spoleto (Italy):** *Brisures, augmentations et changements d'armoiries*
- VI. **1989, La Petite-Pierre (France):** *Le cimier: mythologie, rituel, parenté: des origines au XVI^e siècle*
- VII. **1991, Cáceres (Spain):** *Las armerias en Europa al comenzar la Edad moderna y su proyeccion al Nuevo Mundo*
- VIII. **1993, Canterbury (United Kingdom):** *Les combinaisons d'armoiries par les personnes privées. Les brisures de bâtardise*
- IX. **1995, Cracow (Poland):** *L'aigle et le lion dans le blason médiéval et moderne*
- X. **1997, Rothenburg ob der Tauber (Germany):** *Religiöse Heraldik*
- XI. **1999, Sankt Pölten (Austria):** *Heraldik. Bildende Kunst. Literatur*
- XII. **2001, Groningen (Netherlands):** *Regionale heraldiek en streekwapens*
- XIII. **2003, Troyes (France):** *Les ornements extérieurs de l'écu*
- XIV. **2005, Saint Petersburg (Russia):** *L'héraldique et la femme — les armoiries féminines; la représentation de la femme dans les armoiries*
- XV. **2007, Xanten (Germany):** *Herrschaftszeichen und Heraldik*
- XVI. **2009, Verviers/Vervî (Belgium):** *Droits, usages et coutumes héraldiques : passé, présent et futur*
- XVII. **2011, Fribourg/Freibourg (Switzerland):** *Dons et échanges héraldiques*
- XVIII. **2013, Stirling (United Kingdom):** *Transmission of arms*
- XIX. **2015, Saint-Jean-du-Gard (France):** *La recherche héraldique aujourd'hui*
- XX. **2017, Copenhagen (Denmark):** *The great orders of chivalry and their heraldic traditions*
- XXI. **2019, Antwerp (Belgium):** *Heraldic hierarchies: identities, status and state intervention in early modern heraldry*
- XXII. **2023, Lund (Sweden):** *Heraldry and the law*
- XXIII. **2025, Iași (Romania):** *Heraldry and particularism: national, cultural, and religious identities reflected by coats of arms*

LECTURE PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Theme: *Heraldry and particularism: national, cultural, and religious identities reflected by coats of arms*

Wednesday, 27 August

Palatul Culturii, Sala Voievozilor

Bulevardul Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt, nr. 1, Iași

08:30–09:00 Registration

Opening Session (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89466491663>)

Moderator: Prof Dr **Martin SUNNQVIST** AIH

09:00–10:00 Opening session

10:00–10:50 Keynote speaker Dr **Nicolas VERNOT** AIH (France) – *“Approaching heraldry from the angle of particularism: some epistemological considerations”*

10:50–11:40 Keynote speaker Dr **Agnė RAILAITĖ-BARDĖ** AIH (Lithuania) – *“Historical boomerangs and diverse heritage. Questions of the past”*

11:40–12:00 Book launch: *Heraldry and the Law/L'héraldique et le Droit*, Editor/Rédacteur: **Martin SUNNQVIST**.

12:00–15:00 Cocktail reception & guided tour of the Palace of Culture

Common section 1: National/territorial/local heraldry (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81403430854>)

Chair: Mrs **Elizabeth ROADS** AIH

15:00–15:30 Mrs **Elizabeth ROADS** AIH (United Kingdom) – *“Saint Andrew — an international patron saint and his heraldic links”*

15:30–16:00 Mr **Mamuka GONGADZE** aih (Georgia) – *“About the symbols of two historical regions of Georgia”*

16:00–16:30 Mr **Davor ZOVKO** aih (Sweden) – *“The heraldic language of the Swedish state”*

16:30–17:00 Meeting of the *Bureau Permanent*

17:00–18:30 AIH Council Meeting

17:00 Cocktail reception & guided tour of the “Regina Maria” Municipal Museum (*Strada Zmeu, nr. 3*)

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Thursday, 28 August

Casa Canta, Sala "Ion Simionescu"

Bulevardul Carol I, nr. 9, Iași

Section 2: National/territorial/local heraldry (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84890379246>)

Chairs: Prof Dr **Stoyan ANTONOV** aih///Dr **Gerard MARÍ i BRULL**///Prof Dr **Marek L. WÓJCIK**

09:00–09:30 Prof Dr **Stoyan ANTONOV** aih (Bulgaria) – *“Coats of arms attributed to Bulgarian territories: a resource for possible provincial arms in the present day”*

09:30–10:00 Mr **Steven ASHLEY** aih (United Kingdom) – *“Lions and castles: the origins and development of the arms of Norwich, and their display on the architecture of the medieval and post-medieval city”*

10:00–10:30 Dr **Henric ÅSKLUND** aih (Sweden) – *“Local cultural and religious identity reflected in the seals and coats of arms of the ancient Swedish jurisdictional districts (häradar)”*

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–11:30 Ms **Marie FOURNIER** (France) – *“L'énergie nucléaire dans les armoiries françaises modernes, un particularisme héraldique contemporain?”*

11:30–12:00 Dr **Adriana Patricia MANEA** (Singapore) – *“Across seas and lands: the heraldic achievements in the «Lion City» and their role in asserting national and individual identity”*

12:00–12:30 Dr **Gerard MARÍ i BRULL** (Spain) – *“The shape, the bordure, the mount: particularities and identity in Catalan heraldry from medieval origins to current municipal coats of arms”*

12:30–15:00 Lunch break

15:00–15:30 Dr **Silviu ANDRIEȘ-TABAC** aih (Moldova) – *“Marquer l'identité ethnique dans l'héraldique territoriale de la République de Moldavie”*

15:30–16:00 Mr **Ronny SKOV ANDERSEN** AIH (Denmark) – *“Forgotten arms of some Danish provinces”*

16:00–16:30 Mr **Frank MAYDELL** (Germany) – *“The armorial representation of Estonia through the centuries – how the three leopards of the Danish royal house of Estridsson turned out to become the symbol of a nation longing for statehood and independence”*

16:30–17:00 Prof Dr **Marek L. WÓJCIK** (Poland) – *“Between tradition, ideology and propaganda. The changes of urban coats of arms in Lower Silesia (1945–2025)”*

18:00–21:00 Cocktail reception at the City Hall (*Bulevardul Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt, nr. 11*)

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Bulevardul Carol I, nr. 9, Iași

Section 3: Family/personal heraldry

Chairs: Dr **Filip-Lucian IORGA**///Prof Dr **Tamás KÖRMENDI** AIH///Dr **Attila István SZEKERES** AIH aig FF

09:00–09:30 Mr **Drăgan-George BASARABĂ** (Romania); Dr **Mihai-Bogdan ATANASIU** aig (Romania) – *"Noble symbols, national signs: Romanian heraldry in the Duchy of Bukovina"*

09:30–10:00 Dr **Filip-Lucian IORGA** (Romania) – *"Endangered heraldic heritage: the case of the Catargi-Mavrogheni funerary ensemble from the Bellu Cemetery in Bucharest"*

10:00–10:30 Dr **Jovan JONOVSKI** aih LF (North Macedonia) – *"Between Constantinople and Vienna: regional specifics in the arms conferred to a family originated in Macedonia"*

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–11:30 Mr **Rostyslav KASYANENKO** (Ukraine) – *"From baroque coat of arms epitaphs on Rügen to the evolution of the West Slavic heraldic identity in Pomeranian nobility"*

11:30–12:00 Prof Dr **Tamás KÖRMENDI** AIH (Hungary) – *"Historical consciousness and identity as reflected in the coats of arms of the Hungarian kindreds in the 13th century"*

12:00–12:30 Mr **András MARTIN** (Hungary) – *"Princes of the Kingdom of Hungary & their heraldry"*

12:30–15:00 Lunch break

15:00–15:30 Dr **Ivan NACEVSKI** (North Macedonia) – *"The coat of arms of the Mrnjavčević family in Illyrian heraldry"*

15:30–16:00 Dr **Oleg ODNOROZHENKO** (Lithuania) – *"Ethnic and dynastic identities in princely heraldry of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in 14th–17th centuries"*

16:00–16:30 Mr **Huw SHERRARD** (United Kingdom) – *"Heraldry, clans, & chiefs: an examination of the development of Scotland's law of arms"*

16:30–17:00 Dr **Attila István SZEKERES** AIH aig FF (Romania) – *"A particularism of Transylvanian heraldry: the collective coats of arms"*

18:00–21:00 Cocktail reception at the City Hall (*Bulevardul Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt, nr. 11*)

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Section 4: Ecclesiastical heraldry (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84494893713>)

Chairs: Mr **Marc BARONNET-STEINBRECHER** // Mr **Bruce PATTERSON** aih

09:00–09:30 Mr **Marc BARONNET-STEINBRECHER** (France) – *"Les armoiries épiscopales en France en 2025: un état des lieux, entre permanences et réinterprétations"*

09:30–10:00 Dr **Anton COȘA** (Romania) – *"From symbol to coat of arms: a continuous evolution in asserting the Franciscan identity"*

10:00–10:30 Mr **Alexandru DANEȘ** (Romania) – *"From cross to hammer and sickle: heraldic metamorphoses in Communist Romania"*

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–11:30 Dr Arch **Andriy GRECHYLO** AIH FF (Ukraine) – *"The modern heraldic system of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church: developments over the past three decades"*

11:30–12:00 Prof Dr **Ioan-Augustin GURIȚĂ** (Romania) – *"Ecclesiastical heraldry in the Romanian space during the 19th and 20th centuries: identity, tradition, and transformation"*

12:00–12:30 Mr **Charles MELEBECK** (Belgium) – *"Un particularisme héraldique prémontré aux Pays-Bas espagnols (1552 à 1572)"*

12:30–13:00 Mr **Bruce PATTERSON** aih (Canada) – *"The development and use of ecclesiastical insignia as a form of heraldic identity"*

13:00–15:00 Lunch break

Common section 6: Heraldica varia (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84815216418>)

Chair: Mr **Kaare SEEBERG SIDSELRUD** AIH

15:00–15:30 Mr **Kaare SEEBERG SIDSELRUD** AIH (Norway) – *"The emblems of the Bureau Permanent of the International Congresses of Genealogy and Heraldry, being the arms, banner and green rod of the Bureau Permanent as well as the badges of the congresses from 1929 onwards"*

15:30–16:00 Dr **Adrian GHEORGHE** (Germany) – *"Why the coins attributed to Vlad II Dracul are most likely not his: the heraldic evidence"*

16:00–16:30 Mr **Ivan TODOROV** (Bulgaria) – *"Cloth and arms: heraldry and identity of the Florentine Arte della Lana"*

16:30–17:00 Mr **Mihai TUDOSĂ** (Romania) – *"Arms and arms: heraldic representation on firearms in the Neamț National Museum Complex"*

17:00–17:15 Break

17:15–18:15 General Assembly of the AIH

20:00 Gala dinner at Hotel International (*Strada Palat, nr. 5A*)

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Bulevardul Carol I, nr. 9, Iași

Section 5: Heraldic practice

Chairs: Prof Dr **Luc DUERLOO** AIH//Dr **Henrik KLACKENBERG** AIH

09:00–09:30 Prof Dr **Luc DUERLOO** AIH (Belgium) – *"The savage: the abiding heraldic outsider"*

09:30–10:00 Prof Dr **Snezhana FILIPOVA** (North Macedonia) – *"West versus East, secular versus religious, and other contrasts"*

10:00–10:30 Dr **Ciprian FIREA** (Romania) – *"The «Triumph of the Emperor» sculpted in stone: the heraldic programme of Alba Carolina (Karlsburg) fortress (ca. 1715–1738) and its recently discovered author"*

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–11:30 Dr **Henrik KLACKENBERG** AIH (Sweden) – *"Heraldic traces of Swedish foreign policy in the 17th century"*

11:30–12:00 Mr **Cédric PAUWELS** aih (Belgium) – *"Symboles belges en reconnaissance de services rendus au Roi et à la Belgique"*

12:00–12:30 Dr **Simon ROUSSELOT** aih (France) – *"A very French way of honouring the dead: the litres funéraires in churches during the Ancien Régime"*

12:30–13:00 Prof Dr **Martin SUNNQVIST** AIH (Sweden) – *"Heraldry and particularism in the seals of Swedish courts of law"*

13:00–15:00 Lunch break

20:00 Gala dinner at Hotel International (*Strada Palat, nr. 5A*)

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Saturday, 30 August

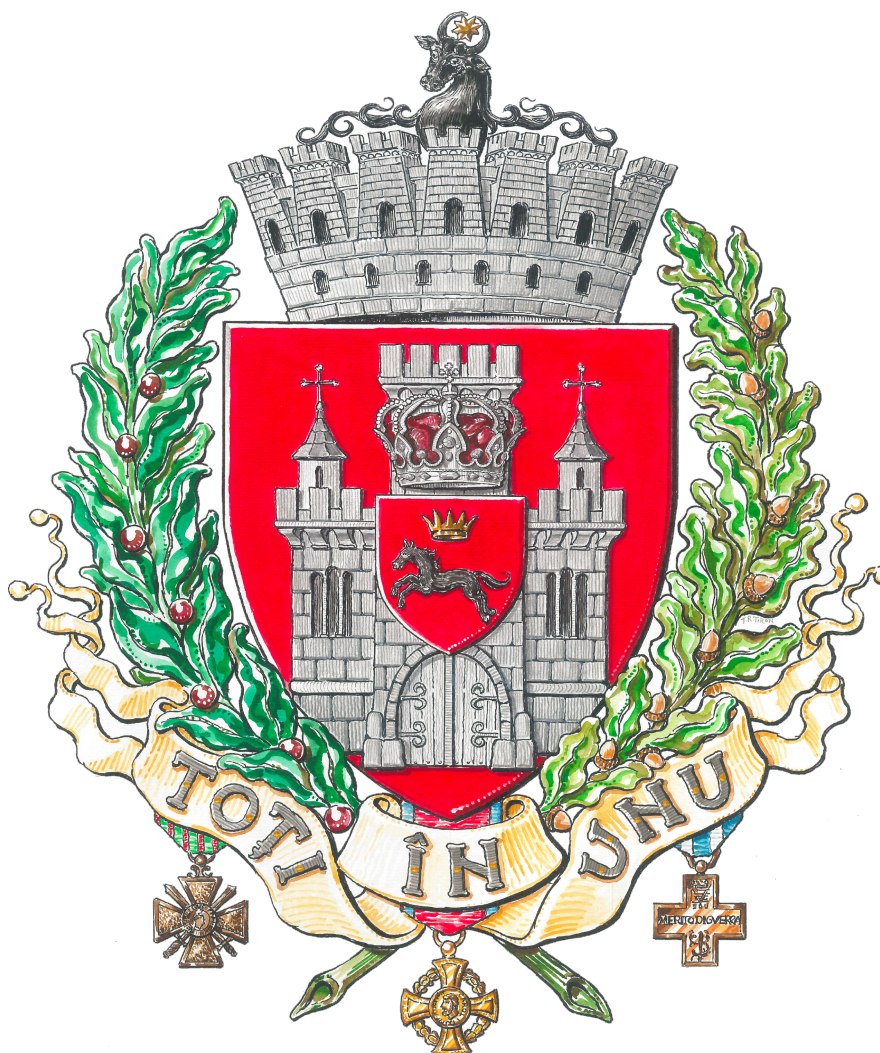
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Free city tour

09:30–12:30 Dr **Mihai BULAI** (Romania) – *“Guided tour of Iași city centre: heraldry as a visual tool enriching the visitors’ experience”*

12:00–14:00 Lunch at *Casa de oaspeți „Sf. Nicolae”* (Strada Agatha Bârsescu, nr. 9)



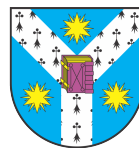
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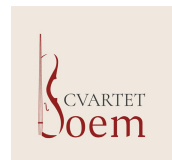
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