

The Regensburg branch of the Südosteuropa Gesellschaft invites to a lecture by Christina Koulouri, Professor of Modern and Contemporary History and Rector of the Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences (Athens, Greece)

The Wittelsbach Dynasty and Greek History



The creation of a second kingdom, that of Greece, under the House of Wittelsbach meant, first, that Greek history (not only ancient, but also medieval and modern) would be integrated into the Wittelsbach historical narrative in Munich, as exemplified by Ludwig's palace and the monumental Propylaea at Königsplatz, and, second, that the House of Wittelsbach would seek to appropriate the history of the new country they came to rule in order to legitimize Otto as the sole heir to the glorious Greek past. This lecture will examine how the House of Wittelsbach developed a political project that linked royal power to classical Greece, how they used the Byzantine past to legitimize monarchical rather than national continuity, and how they constructed a visual canon of modern Greek historical memory, following Ludwig's command.

When: Wednesday, November 17th, 2021, from 5-6 pm

Where: Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Landshuter Str. 4, Regensburg, Room 017

Moderator: Heike Karge

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