



Monarchs, Diplomats and Human-Interest Journalists

A Berlin Wedding 1913

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Diplomatic and political historians have defined the European build up to the Great War as a watershed, dividing the old political world from the new – as a slide towards ‘the abyss’ for the monarchies of Europe and the start of a future dominated by democracy, not by kings and emperors.

In this talk, Frank Mort examines what was arguably the last hurrah of the old ‘royal mob’: the May 1913 wedding of the Kaiser’s eldest daughter, Princess

Victoria Louise, in Berlin. Using the wedding as a historical snapshot, Professor Mort compares the political and cultural performance of European royalties and their audiences on the eve of war; probing why and how the British monarchy successfully adapted to the challenges of democracy and mass society, while other monarchies fell.

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