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Lecture 20:
Absolutism, court display
and Art: Politics in thought & action

Achieving Peace

- Treaty of Vervins - 1598
- Treaty of London - 1604
- 12 yea's truce - 1609

Pax Hispanica (1558 - 1621)

- Spanish domination culturally, politically, etc.

Key proposal

↳ King Jang I/VI - Rex Pacificus

"Jacobellian" era - show cultural continuity
Treaty of London - 1604

Relationship between politics, etc.

↳ believe that you have a coreligionist on the other side

Spanish conquer via "hearts & minds"

- passage
- segundo conino

Public Diplomacy & soft power

- period of great cultural flowering

Art & Power - Like Peace of Lodi

- Peter Paul Rubens

R. i = Resistor Theory M.A = Middle Ages

Resistance Theory + Royal Absolutism

- Absolutism is the NEW theory in early 17th century
- Resistance theory comes first

Shift from Middle Ages approach

- Reason of State
 - = State is suprema over churches
 - = growth of political freedom
- Move towards secularization + centralization
- Split between church + state
 - NOT religious toleration

M.A. approach

→ Kings → estate, feudal pyramid

- Implications of Ref. questioning of authority
 - Confessionalization
 - Justification of resistance
 - Ultimately - absolutism vs. constitutionalism

The Act in Restraint of Ideals (1532)

- "this realm of England is an empire"
- conception - Ref & New Monarchies
- No justification to overthrow king on religious grounds
- Pre cursor to absolutism AND R. T.
- Question of authority
 - Lutherans, Anglicans - Episcopalianism
 - Calvinists - Presbyterianism
 - Ascending vs. Descending theory of sovereignty

↳ Descends from God

↳ People Accord universal rights to King

Wars of Religion turn theory into action

Resistance Theory

- Protestants

- The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women - John Knox (1558)

- Rule of Mary Tudor

- Very fast that God chose a woman isn't enough - arguing for resistance

- A Defence of Liberty Against Tyranny (1579)

- Huguenot publisher, post St. Barth (1572)

- focus on sovereignty, itself

- Power comes from God but is kept by the people

- Catholics

- Pope in general

- If Popes are above monarchs, thus he can absolve people of obedience

- ex. Pius V excommunicating Elizabeth I

- Long history stretching back to Middle Ages

- Thomas Aquinas

- Friar Robert Bellarmine

- Friar Juan de Mariana

Reformation & political authority

- Established Church (e.g.) / not necessary

- Importance of the individual

- Religious movements result

- True for both Catholics & Protestants

- Plus - Calvinism's threat from below to the legitimacy of monarchy & established church even in Protestantism

God + royal
anointment?
M. state of
Heaven?
Cost?

17th Century political thought
Absolutism vs.

Constitutionalism

Royal Absolutism

- Why absolutism?
 - After a time of chaos, people want a central figure
 - Some change will be made
- A REACTION to Resistance Theory
- Jean Bodin (1570-1596)
 - politique coming out of French Wars of Religion
 - Sovereignty - indivisible
 - Right of resistance? - None
 - Reasons for his stance - French Wars of Rel.
- James I/VI of England/Scotland
 - The True Lawe of Free Monarchie
 - Theoretical basis - The Divine Right of Kings
 - Metaphors for the king
 - Father of family
 - head of body
 - NO right for resistance
 - Double obligation / reciprocal relationship
 - Kings are obligated to follow law, not b/c people are
subservient, but because he should rule in ppl's
interest
 - "With great power comes great responsibility"

Art + Power

- art for political purposes
- Minister favorites - see ppt. for crazy cool paintings

Spanish Monarchy

- distance, elevation
- ceremonial distance
- Increased size/cost/ceremony
- Plaza San Pablo
- Pastosizos - keep regulars away from monarchs BUT can be seen
- Italian pedicessor - secret passage over Puerta Viecha

Privacy as power - controlled access to the monarch