

Törő László:

Debates about the Pragmatica Sanctio in the Hungarian Historical Writing during the Age of Dualism

Absztrakt:

The presentation shows the different interpretations of (mainly) Hungarian historians and scholars of public law during the Age of Dualism. The period of dualism saw the increasing professionalization of historical writings and that is the reason why I focus my attention on professional historians like Henrik Marczali, Ferenc Eckhart or Lajos Thallóczy. I intend to discuss their views on Pragmatica Sanctio, their interactions and debates with legal historians and scholars of public law (István Csekey, József Illés), but I will also introduce some Austrian historians (Harold Steinacker) and jurists (Edmund Bernatzik), whose writings were often debated in the Hungarian historical discourse. Relying on both published and unpublished sources, the presentation sheds light to the institutional background of professional enterprises. For example, the commission of historians and jurists led by Lajos Thallóczy and Dezső Csánki (1914-1918) was organized by the Ministry of Justice in order to support the research about Pragmatica Sanctio. My aim is to draw historiographical lessons from studying these debates, institutions and persons.