



IN QUESTION MONARCHY IN QUESTION

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There are 44 sovereign states in the world, ranging from Andorra to Belgium, Kuwait to Morocco. None has a higher international profile as a monarchy than Great Britain, yet ours is neither the oldest nor the wealthiest monarchy. We explore a history of British monarchs going back to the 7c, how they originated, how they are appointed, how their wealth is created, and the challenges to the monarchical system now. Is our own constitutional monarchy fit for purpose? Do family scandals affect its standing and if so, how? Should the monarch be seen as a person or a figurehead? We explore the art, symbols and ceremonies that help to keep a modern monarchy alive, and what future the monarchy in Great Britain may have in a world dominated by a global economy, a global communication system, the Internet, and the withering or worse of traditional beliefs.

All Culture in Question lectures take place in the Art Workers Guild, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, unless otherwise indicated. Coffee is served at 10.30, the lectures begin at 11, and a light lunch with wine is served at 1 pm. The day ends at 3.30 pm. £90 members, £100 non-members.