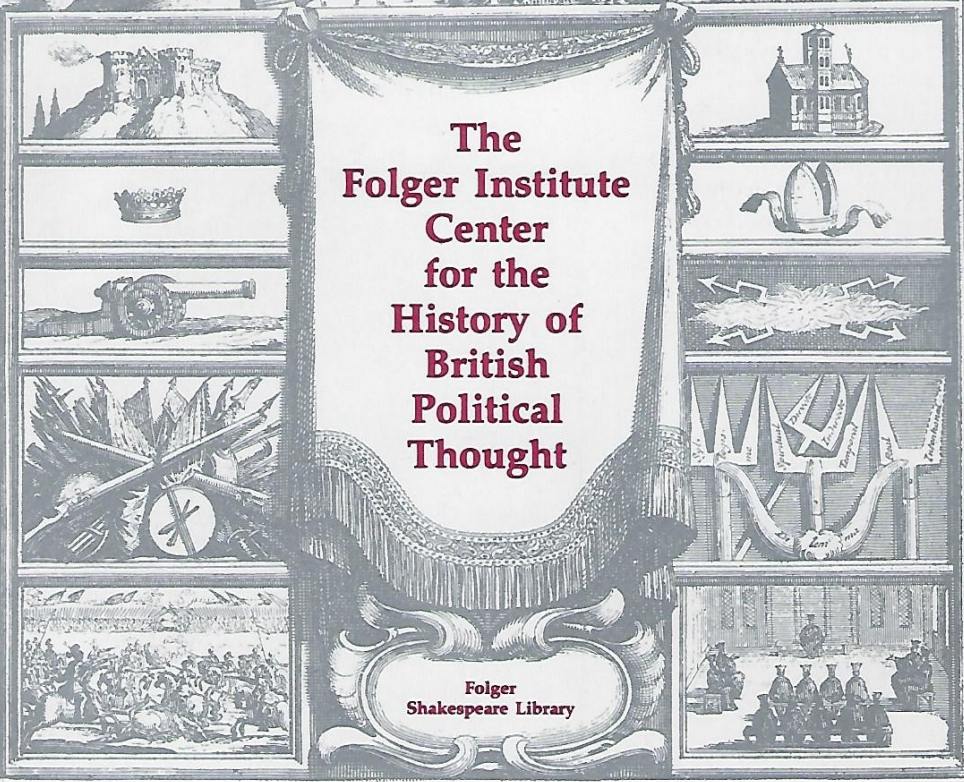


*Non est potestas Super Terram quae Comparatur ei Job. 41. 24.*



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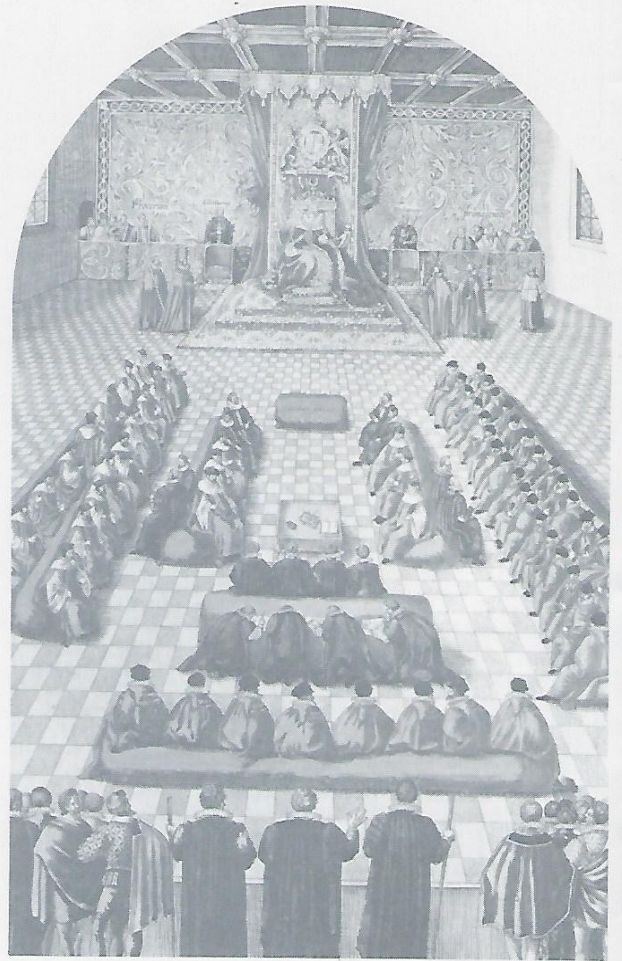
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collaborative enterprise founded in 1970 and now co-sponsored by twenty-one major universities, the Folger Institute of Renaissance and Eighteenth-Century Studies is a rapidly growing center for advanced study and research in the humanities. Through support from such agencies as the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Surdna Foundation, the Institute offers a complex interdisciplinary program of seminars, workshops, symposia, colloquia, and lectures.

The physical center of the Institute is the Folger Shakespeare Library, which is preeminent in the world for its Shakespeare collection and second only to the British Library for its holdings of other English Renaissance books. The Folger is also internationally recognized as a repository of materials in late medieval and early eighteenth-century English literature and history, Continental Renaissance literature, Reformation studies, early American cultural history, and English and American theatre history from the beginnings through the twentieth century.

Among the Folger Institute's newer ventures are several programs offered in cooperation with the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies in Chicago, a similar consortium founded in 1979 and now co-sponsored by twenty-one major universities in the Midwest. Faculty members and graduate students from either consortium are eligible to participate in programs offered by the other.



## CENTER FOR THE HISTORY OF BRITISH POLITICAL THOUGHT





Through the support of a generous grant from the Research Programs division of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Folger Institute has recently established a Center for the History of British Political Thought. Most of its activities will take place in the Folger Shakespeare Library, and its planning will be overseen by a Steering Committee composed of J. G. A. Pocock, Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University (Chairman); Gordon J. Schochet, Professor of Political Science at Rutgers University; Lois G. Schworer, Professor of History at George Washington University; and Lena Cowen Orlin, Associate Chairman of the Folger Institute (ex officio).

No comprehensive history of British political thought exists at present, so one of the principal aims of the new Center is to work toward the time when it may be possible to construct one. To this end, the Center is devoting three and a half years to seven semester-long seminars, each directed by a distinguished invited scholar, to survey the three centuries from approximately 1500 to 1800. These seminars will isolate and study the main currents of political thought in England, Scotland, Ireland, and America. They will draw primarily on source materials to be found in the two major repositories on Capitol Hill: the Folger Shakespeare Library and the Library of Congress. And they will attract to the Center a number of eminent visiting speakers presenting varied and enriching perspectives on the periods and themes being addressed. Each seminar will be open to doctoral candidates, faculty members at colleges and universities both near and far, and scholars at large.

In many instances the seminars will generate colloquia, special lectures, two- and three-day conferences, and such symposia as the Center's recent program in commemoration of the bicentennial of the 1783 Treaty of Paris. "The Treaty of Paris in a Changing States System" was co-sponsored by the Folger Institute, the British Embassy, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; the Center will continue to plan many of its programs in collaboration with other institutions. And it is to be expected that a number of Center-sponsored publications will issue from the proceedings of the seminars and the corollary activities to which they give rise.

Launched by Professor Gordon Schochet with a Spring 1984 survey of "The Development of British Political Thought from Henry VII through the American Revolution," the seminar program will continue with the following offerings over the next three years.

Fall 1984	J. A. Guy, University of Bristol	1500-1550
Spring 1985	Donald R. Kelley, University of Rochester	1558-1603
Fall 1985	William M. Lamont, University of Sussex	1600-1660
Spring 1986	Howard A. Nenner, Smith College	1660-1700
Fall 1986	N. T. Phillipson, University of Edinburgh	1700-1760
Spring 1987	Director to be announced	1760-1800

To apply for admission to any of the seminars, to offer papers for presentation, or to obtain further information about the Center's activities, interested scholars should contact Lena Cowen Orlin, Associate Chairman of the Folger Institute.

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