

Global Dynasties

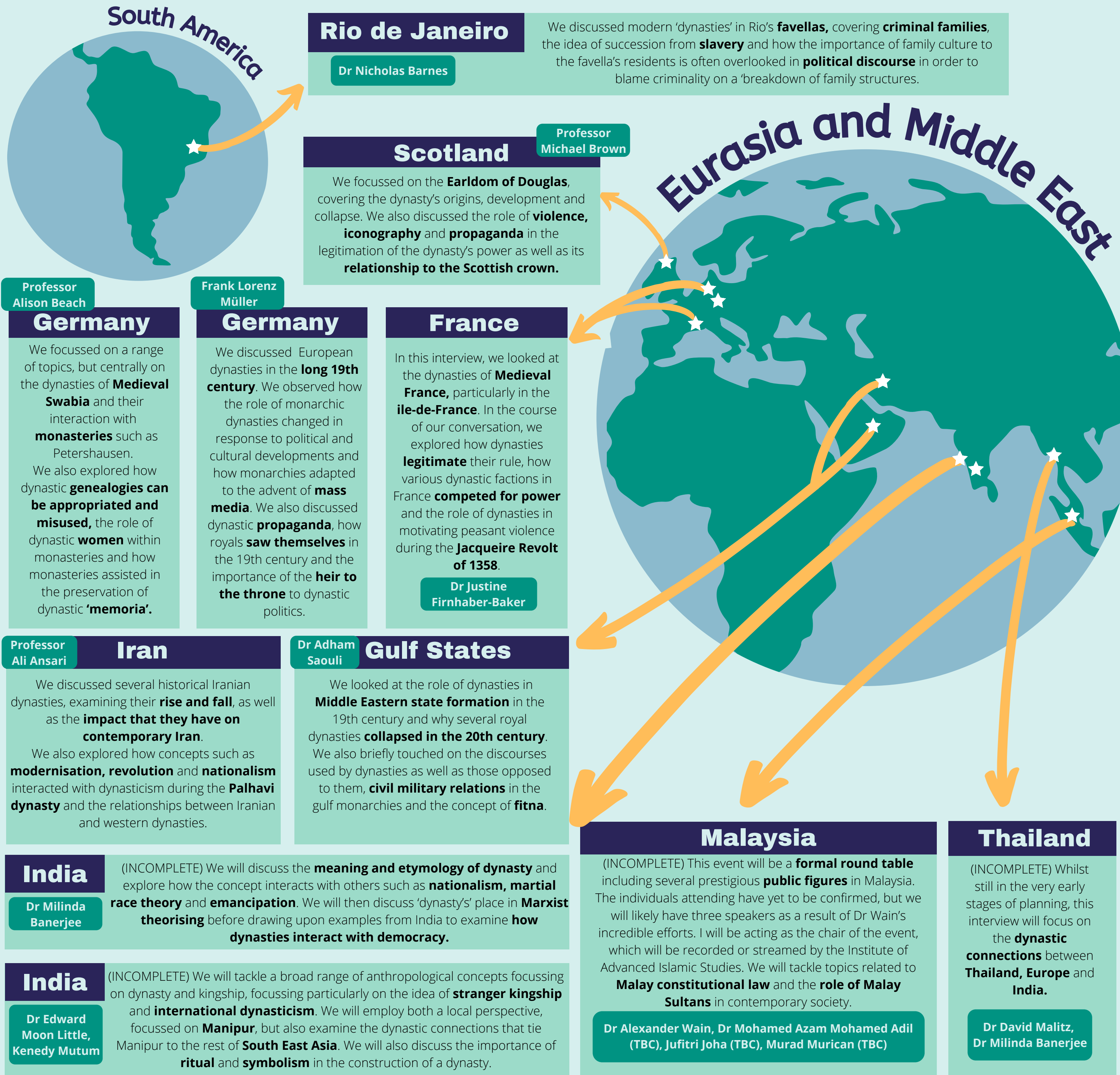
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Objectives: To gain insight into how hereditary dynasties have operated across a wide range of times and geographic locations.

Method: I conducted interviews with a range of specialists on dynasty, with the aim of creating a public resource, accessible to a non-specialist, which explains broadly how various hereditary dynasties have operated and their impact, both on their time-period and the present. The poster below summarises the interviews I conducted.



Challenges

There have been significant technological and data protection issues limiting the progression of my project. This has meant that, while I have many of the videos recorded, I am currently unable to post them. I am working on resolving this soon.

Additionally, the original output I wanted to produce (which would have focussed on the role of dynasties in the present day) required some of the later interviews I scheduled to be completed. As a result, I had to select a different topic to write on for the Laidlaw Foundation.

Findings

Whilst this remains a project in progress, we have identified a significant lack of research into 'modern' dynasties in business, crime, etc. We have also observed that certain dynastic characteristics, such as an appeal to justice and fairness, a focus on martial strength and the centrality of legitimacy amongst others are characteristics that have persisted in a broad range of hereditary structures from the early modern period to the present day. This indicates that the future aim of this project, to compare how hereditary power persists both historically and in the present day, will be productive.

Further research and publication

I currently have a piece undergoing editing for the CSTPV blog, in it, I focus on monarchism as a potential recruiting method for terrorists. this project's future will hopefully be more high-profile roundtables, similar to the one on Malay sultans that is currently in the works. My supervisor is in contact with David Cannadine and we hope soon to organise a round table on the intersection British imperialism and the British royal family with dynasty. Once these are completed, we will work on creating output on the role of dynasties in the present day. Whilst I am still unable to publish the interviews I have completed, I am hopeful they will be available soon. When they are, I will work on a WordPress page to host them. That page can be found at: <https://globaldynasties.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/>



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