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SWEDISH MONARCHY FROM THE 18TH TO THE 20TH CENTURY

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Why do court studies often appear marginal to modern political history? This is all the more surprising given the polemic quests for modernity, nationalistic sentiments and historical memory that are deeply embedded in European monarchies. This presentation takes Hellsing's on-going research as a starting point for a wider discussion on court studies and Swedish self-perception, suggesting how insights from studies on the eighteenth century might contribute to our understanding of the more recent past.

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