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Scientific Profile

PhD. research project title: “The 'μοναρχία' of the Libertadores: forms (and substances) of government in First Mexican Empire and Great Colombia”

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Abstract: the study aims to analyze the constitutional and institutional experiences of the early independent Mexico and of Great Colombia, as they were led by the dominant personalities of the Libertadores Agustín de Iturbide and Simón Bolívar. The main purpose is to investigate on the political juridical principles, which determined the outbreak of what has been called a “μοναρχία of the Libertadores” (a concept symbolically relating to a nearly Aristotelian political notion). The preponderance of the figure of a charismatic political leader in the constitutional and institutional architectures of Mexico and Gran Colombia has been a fact, despite the single forms of government that each political entity experimented, i.e. an imperial monarchy and a republic, respectively. By studying the constitutional processes, even when only attempted in those contexts, it is going to be underlined the constitutional needing for the individuation of a strong figure to put to the head of the state: the leader was pretended to be able to keep together a fragile and naturally experimental social and institutional architecture (after all, Mexico and Great Colombia were early Nineteenth century's newborn countries, constituted after the fall of a “colonial” system). The strict link between the Libertadores personalities and the constitutional systems will be considered fundamental also to understand the failure (although it had very different roots) of such constitutional experiments.

Methodology: historical-political-juridical-institutional approach with both bibliographic and archival investigations. Research in archives allows to get a direct knowledge of the constitutional debates and issues, thanks to the contact with the primary sources. The archival research's priorities are going to be the First Mexican Empire and the figure of Agustín de Iturbide.

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