

Interpreting Constitutional History of England in the 17th Century - From Constitutional Conflict to Constitutionalism

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17th century England has experienced an unprecedented constitutional transformation. Complex factors and actors have influenced the process. The Stuart monarchs, parliaments, radical constitutionalists and Cromwell have struggled in various ways for the establishment of constitutional order in changing national and international environment. Every imaginable constitutional projects and experiments such as absolute monarchy, personal rule, written constitutional law, republic, dictatorship, limited monarchy, parliamentary government can be found during this age of revolution. The process has made inconsistent parliaments into the consistent Parliament and decisive factor in government, which the beginning of the century could have never imagined.