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The emergence and limits of state supremacy: A comparative analysis of the powers of the Prince of Transylvania and the Habsburgs holding the Hungarian royal title

Abstract

This article outlines the historical and theoretical background of the evolution of sovereignty and monarchy, that is, its Roman-Germanic roots, as well as the constitutional history of Hungarian and Transylvanian sovereignty, and discusses the limitations of the ruler's power, in particular the fundamental role of Transylvanian electoral conditions, on the basis of which the Transylvanian princely state was given a manner of rule of law. The paper contains a comparative analysis of royal and princely powers.

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