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MONARCHY, GOVERNMENT OF CONFLICT AND POLITICAL CRISIS IN BELGIUM AT THE END OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

The essay considers the factors and dynamics of the Belgian political crisis of the 1880s. In particular, using the categories of delegitimation, transition, and conflict, it investigates the role played by the monarchy in the clash between Catholics and Liberals during the so-called «School War». Moreover, the essay sheds new light on the constitutional implications of this conflict by placing the Belgian case-study in the more general context of 19th century European liberalism.

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