



Splendid Encounters IX

Struggle for Sovereignty? Small States and the Diplomacy of the Early Modern Period

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Dubrovnik, Croatia

Organizers:

Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, The Institute for Historical Sciences in Dubrovnik
University of Zagreb, Centre for Advanced Academic Studies
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Premodern diplomats Network



DAY 1

8:30-9:30

**keynote lecture by Gábor
Kármán (Budapest)**

PANEL 1

9:45-11:30

Theory and representation of the small statehood

Julien Le Mauff (Paris), *State, Territorial Extension and Sovereignty in the Italy of City-States (14th-16th c.)*

Blythe Alice Raviola (Milan), *From Theory to Practice. Giovanni Botero and the Small States of Europe during His Time*

Eloise Davies (Cambridge), *A Cause of All Princes in Common': Anti-papal Polemic and the Sovereignty of Small States*

Joris Oddens (Padua), *Visualizing Diplomatic Representation in Republican States: The Political Iconography of Ambassadors' Portraits in Genoa, Venice, and the United Provinces during the 'long' seventeenth century*

COFFEE & TEA 11:30-12:00

PANEL 2

12:00-13:30

Early modern microstates

Luciano Piffanelli (Tours), *A Peculiar "Small State": The Crucial Diplomatic Role of Piombino in Early Modern Europe*

Lovro Kunčević (Dubrovnik), *"Like Small Animals to Whom God Has Given Nothing but a Strong Voice": Ragusan Republic and Its Many Patrons*

Vesna Miović (Dubrovnik), *From Tears to Poison: Ragusan Dealings with the Enemies from the Ottoman Neighborhood*



LUNCH 13:30-15:00

PANEL 3

15:00-16:45

Middle-sized states and the struggle for sovereignty

Clare Jackson (Cambridge), *A Struggle to Become Sovereign: James VI of Scotland's Dynastic Diplomacy 1595-1603*

Castellano Garcia (Barcelona), *Trying to be a Small State: The Struggle of Catalan Diplomacy for Achieving the Independence in the Europe of the Peace of Utrecht*

Mark Edward Hay (Rotterdam), *The Netherlands, Nassau and the House of Orange in the Era of the Reconstruction of the European International Order, 1780-1815: Lesser Powers, Strategies of Conflict Resolution, Dynastic Networks*

COFFEE & TEA 16:45-17:15

Panel 4

17:15-19:00

Eastern European context(s)

Martyna Mirecka (independent scholar), *Does the Size Matter? Small Great Poland-Lithuania in the Seventeenth Century*

Tetiana Grygorieva (Kyiv), *Between the Quest for Patronage and the Struggle for Sovereignty: Diplomatic Relations of the Cossack Ukraine and the Ottoman Empire*

Tatyana Zhukova (York), *The Baltic Conundrum: The Duchy of Courland and Semigalia in the Seventeenth Century*

Linda S. Frey and Marsha L. Frey (Missoula, Manhattan), *Between the Hammer and the Anvil: Brandenburg-Prussia and the Great Northern War*



DAY 2

Panel 5

9:00-10:30

The Italian context(s)

Brian Brege (Syracuse), *Small Power Aggression and the Moral Hazard of Alliances: The Grand Duchy of Tuscany's Mediterranean Adventurism, 1599-1612*

Ubaldo Morozzi (Swansea), *The Tuscan Contest. Trade and Diplomacy between England and Tuscany (1696-1704)*

David Quiles Albero (Madrid), *The Strength of a Republic: the Venetian Diplomacy during the War of Candia (1645-1669)*

John Condren (Oxford) "*È cosa certa ... che ama gli italiani*": Louis XIV and the Small Italian States, 1659 - 1715

COFFEE & TEA 10:30-11:00

Panel 6

11:00-13:30

The Western Mediterranean context(s): Small States of Barbary under Spanish Protection: Adapting Patterns of Negotiation for the Mediterranean Defense (1500-1550)

Chair: **Bunes Ibarra**

Jose Miguel Escribano-Páez (Seville), *Fragmented Negotiations: Agents, Practices, and Objects between Tlemcen and the Spanish Monarchy at the beginning of the Sixteenth Century*

Francesco Caprioli (Madrid, Milano), *Pitiless Corsairs or State Representatives? An Overview of the Spanish Diplomacy with Algiers at the Beginning of the 16th Century*

Rubén González-Cuerva (Madrid), *An Uncommon Protectorate: Hafsid Tunis and Spanish Diplomacy (1535-1574)*



LUNCH 13:30-15:00

PANEL 7

15:00-16:45

Personal networks and mediation of small states

Alexandru Balasz (Cortland), *Wallachian and Moldovan Phanariot Diplomats Negotiating their Autonomy between the Ottoman-Russian-Habsburg Empires*

Zsuzsanna Cziráki (Szeged), *Disputed Loyalties: Subjects of Seventeenth-century Small States as Habsburg Interpreters for Oriental Languages*

Jonathan Spangler (Manchester), *The Personal Touch: Using Personal and Kinship Networks to Ensure Survival in a Small State, the Duchy of Lorraine under Duke Léopold (1698- 1729)*

Markus Laufs (Bonn), *One Mission, Many Competitors. The Role of Peace Mediation as Desired Instrument of Being Part of the Concert of Great Powers*

COFFEE & TEA 16:45-17:15

PANEL 8

17:15-18:45

Specific cases: Rome and the non-European states

Dorota Gregorowicz (Katowice), *The State of the Church – Great Diplomacy of a Small State*

David Veevers (London), *'It Would in Soe Great a Measure lessen their Sovereignty': Strategies of Survival for the Small States of the West Coast of Sumatra, 1680 to 1720*

Samantha R. Billing (State College), *Indigenous Kings and the Miskitu Nation: Diplomacy and State Building in Colonial Central America*

GENERAL DISCUSSION 18:45-19:15

20:00 Conference dinner at the restaurant *Kopun*

