



EXPLORING CULTURAL TRANSFERS: THE POLISH-LITHUANIAN COMMONWEALTH IN EUROPEAN CONTEXT (16-17TH CENTURIES) AND THE MADRILENIAN COURT, 28-29 MAY 2025

Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Campus of Aranjuez, Cuartel de Pavia C./San Pascual s/n 28300 Aranjuez

DAY 1: 28.05.2025

09.50 – 10:20 REGISTRATION

10.20 – 10.30 – OPENING CEREMONY

10:30 – 11:00 OPENING KEYNOTE

Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski (University College London) – The phenomenon of the Polish-Lithuanian Res publica in a Europe of composite monarchies

11.00-11.15 Discussion

11:15 – 11:45 – Coffee Break

PANEL I: NOBILITY AND KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS

11:45 – 12:25

Paweł Klint (University of Wrocław) – Cultural borderland: Contacts between Polish, Silesian, and Brandenburg nobility (16th-18th c.)

Filip Wolański (University of Wrocław) – Transfer of Knowledge about European Monarchies to Poland-Lithuania in the 17th Century through the Writings of Giovanni Botero

12:25 – 12:40 Discussion

PANEL II: RELIGIOUS FACTIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE

12:45 – 13:25

Hanna Mazheika (University of Turku) – Reconciling religious factions in Eastern Europe: The Grand Duchy of Lithuania and England's conciliatory policy in the early seventeenth century

Wiktor Szymborski (Jagiellonian University in Cracow) – Relations between the Dominicans and the royal court in Poland at the end of the Middle Ages and the modern era as an example of religious changes and cultural transfer at that time

13:25- 13:40 Discussion

13:45 – 14:45- LUNCH

PANEL III: DIPLOMACY AND CROSS-CULTURAL INFLUENCE

14:45 – 15:45

Miguel Conde Pazos (Alfonso X el Sabio University) – Spanish cultural influence in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth: royal diplomatic relations in the 16th and 17th centuries

Ewelina Sikora (Czech Academy of Sciences) – “Seduced by their curiosity:” self-fashioning and reception of the Polish-Lithuanian ambassador to the Holy See in 1633

Ineke Huysman (Huygens Institute/NL-Lab) – Johan de Witt's Diplomatic Era: Shaping 17th-Century Dutch-Polish Relations

15:45 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

PANEL IV: COURT LIFE AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE

16:30 – 17:30

Fabian Persson (Linnaeus University) –Your Better Half? Polish women and men at the Swedish court

Katarzyna Kosior (Northumbria University) – Parliamentary Cultures: a comparative approach to parliamentary spatial cultures in Poland-Lithuania, England, Scotland, and Ireland

Jakub Węglorz (University of Wrocław) & Katarzyna Pękacka-Falkowska (Poznań University of Medical Sciences) – Medical and pharmaceutical knowledge at the court of the Polish Vasas

17:30 – 17:50 Discussion

20:00 – Dinner

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DAY 2: 29.05.2026

PANEL V: ART AND ICONOGRAPHY OF THE JAGIELLON

09:50– 10:10

Mateusz Grzęda (Jagiellonian University in Cracow) & Marek Walczak (Jagiellonian University in Cracow) – Iconography of the last Jagiellons in a comparative context

Łukasz M. Sadowski (Academy of Fine Arts in Łódź) – Poland-France: from negation to fascination. Artistic relations between the Kingdoms from the mid-16th to the 17th century

10:10 – 10:25 Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

PANEL VI: TRANSFERS OF KNOWLEDGE, CULTURE, AND DIPLOMACY

11:00–12.00

Zsuzsanna Hámori Nagy (HUN-REN Research Centre for the Humanities, Budapest) – Transfers of Diplomats and of Diplomatic Traditions: Jagiellonian Impacts on the Diplomacy of the Szapolyai Dynasty 1526–1540

León M. Gómez Rivas (Universidad Europea de Madrid) – Educating the Prince: Robert Bellarmine's Officio Principis Christiani (1619). Addressed to King Sigismund III Vasa's son, prince Wladyslaw

Aleksandra Ziober (University of Wrocław) & Jiří Kubeš (University of Pardubice) – Bridging cultures: Central European students and the University of Leuven in the 17th century

12:00–12.20 Discussion

PANEL VII: CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND INFORMATION FLOW

12:20–13:20

Paul Arblaster (Catholic University of Louvain) – News of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the Antwerp and Brussels press of the 1620s

Niall Oddy (The Open University) – Montaigne's Poland: The cultural impact of French encounters with the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth

Matylda Urjasz-Raczko (University of Warsaw) – The Spanish Monarchy and Rzeczpospolita's axes of concentration in the XVI and XVII centuries

13:20 – 13:40 Discussion

13:40–14.00 Coffee Break

14.00 – 14:30 CLOSING KEYNOTE:

Jakub Niedźwiedź (Jagiellonian University in Cracow) – The bodies of the queen and the Commonwealth: mourning after the death of queen Constance of Austria by Jakub Olszewski

14:30 – 14:45 Discussion

14:45 – 15:00 Farewell & Closing Remarks

15:00 Lunch

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