



Splendid Encounters IX

Struggle for Sovereignty?

Small States and the Diplomacy of the Early Modern Period

24th–25th September 2021

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Venue: Center for Advanced Academic Studies, Ul. don Frana Bulića 4

Organizers:

Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, The Institute for Historical Sciences in Dubrovnik
Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences
Premodern diplomats Network



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DAY 1

Registration 8:30

8:45-9:45

keynote lecture by Gábor Kármán (Budapest),

The Misery of Being a Small State: The Historians' Quest for Finding the Narrow Path between Apology and Moralising

PANEL 1

10:00-11:00

Premodern reflections on small statehood

Chair: Lovro Kunčević

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

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

COFFEE BREAK

11:00-11:45

PANEL 2

11:45-13:15

Early modern microstates

Chair: Anna Kalinowska

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

Lovro Kunčević (Dubrovnik), *"Like Small Animals to Whom Nature 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
13:15-15:00

PANEL 3

15:00-16:30

Papacy, middle-sized states, and the struggle for sovereignty

Chair: Anna Kalinowska

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

Manuel Alejandro 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*

BREAK 16:30-17:00

PANEL 4

17:00-18:30

Eastern European context(s)

Chair: Gábor Kármán

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

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

Adam Perlakowski (Krakow) *A Small diplomacy of a big state? „Black legend” of the Polish diplomatic service in the 18th century.*



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DAY 2

PANEL 5

9:30-11:00

The Italian context(s)

Chair: Lovro Kunčević

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

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)* (remote participation)

COFFEE BREAK 11:00-12:00

PANEL 6

12:00-13:30

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

Chair: Angel 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* (remote participation)

Francesco Caprioli (Madrid, Milano), *Pitiless Corsairs or State Representatives? An Overview of the Spanish Diplomacy with the governors of Algiers in the Early 16th Century* (remote participation)

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

LUNCH 13:30-15:00

PANEL 7



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LUNCH
13:30-15:00

PANEL 7

15:00-16:30

Personal networks and mediation of small states

Chair: Gábor Kármán

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)*

BREAK
16:30-16:45

GENERAL DISCUSSION
16:45-18:00

CONFERENCE DINNER
AT THE RESTAURANT KOPUN (OPTIONAL)
20:00

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