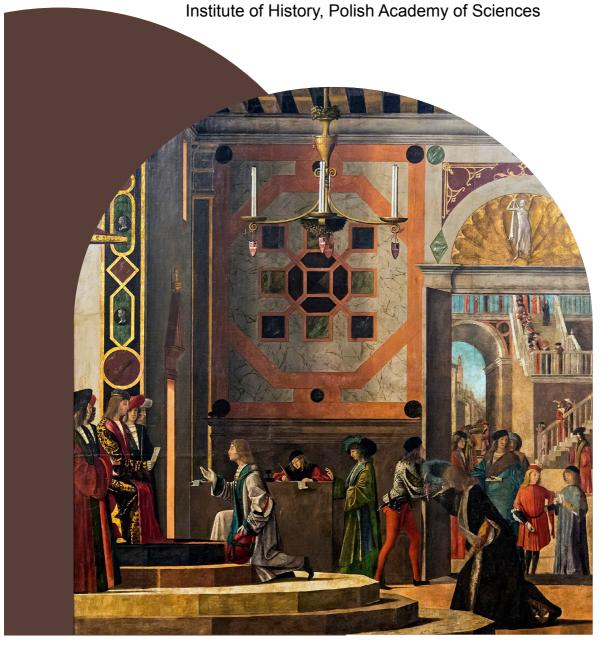
SPLENDID ENCOUNTERS XII

Fake It Till You Make It. Deception, Bribery, and Veiled Threats in Early Modern Diplomacy

22-23 September 2025

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PROGRAMME

Monday, 22 September 2025

09:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-11:00 Keynote Address

Giancarlo Casale, First Fake it, Then Make it: Marquis de Bonnac, Yirmisekiz Mehmed, and the first Ottoman Sefaretname

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel 1. Gifts, Bribes, and Corruption

Chair: Rafał Waszczuk

Konstantinos Poulios, More and Less Innocent 'Gifts': The Multiple Cases and Faces of Douceur During the Peace Congress of Carlowitz (1698/99)

Piotr Chmiel, Bribery: Theoretical Remarks and Best Practices Shared by Venetian Diplomats

Magdalena Jakubowska, Gift, Present, or Bribe? Corruption in the Diplomatic Service According to Polish-Lithuanian Experiences at the Turn of the 16th and 17th Centuries

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Panel 2. Diplomacy by Deception

Chair: Mariusz Kaczka

Chris Kostov, Stolen Secrets: French Espionage and the Venetian Deception over Murano Glass

Maxime Morel, How to Fabricate a Diplomatic Incident: Early Modern Naval Salutes as Tools of Deception and Uncertainty

Kolja Lichy, "Arnaud", "Matthieu" and the Sly Side of Habsburg Peacemaking: Espionage at the Congress of Soissons

Ela Bozok, The Negotiations for Rhodes: Deceits, Threats, and Surrender

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Panel 3. English Intrigues

Chair: Giancarlo Casale

Paulina Kewes, Mary Queen of Scots' Ultimate Subterfuge

Anna Kalinowska, "A man with the changing nature of a chameleon, the soul of a Cretan, a jester..." Christopher Parkins and English diplomacy

Hanna Mazheika, Rumours Spread by 'Malicious People': Conspiracy, Reconciliation, and Unofficial Diplomacy between King James VI/I and Janusz I Radziwiłł

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Tuesday, 23 September 2025

10:00-11:00 Panel 4. Multilateral Tensions and Multiple Culprits

Chair: Paulina Kewes

Dorota Gregorowicz, Habsburg Dependences of the Post-Tridentine Apostolic Nuncios (1562–1605)

Kryštof Halamek, *Imperial Residents in the Holy Roman Empire (1648–1740). An Overview and Analysis*

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:30 Panel 5. Diplomatic Personnel and Misconduct

Chair: Jan Błoński

Tomasz Kolowca, What Kind of Behaviour Is Worthy of a Diplomat? Seventeenth-Century Diplomatic Ethos in Polish Epic Poetry and Its Limitations

Gleb Kazakov, Theft, Drunkenness and Debauchery: Deviant Behaviour of Muscovite Envoys at European Courts

Mariusz Kaczka, Translator-Traitor in Early Modern Mediterranean Diplomacy

Aneliya Stoyanova, European Diplomatic Intrigues at the Ottoman Court: The Spanish Treaty (1620s)

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 Panel 6. Conflict Within the Ranks

Chair: Klaudia Kuchno

Maciej Polak, *Unwanted Collaborator: Conflict Among Sigismund Augustus's Diplomatic Agents in Naples*

Marius Sirutavičius, Ambitions at Odds: Conflicts Among Polish-Lithuanian Diplomatic Representatives in the Early Seventeenth Century

15:30-16.00 Coffee Break

16:00 Final Remarks