

# SPLENDID ENCOUNTERS XII

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

**22-23 September 2025**

Warsaw, Poland

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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 Poullos, *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