

New Diplomatic History 2025

Sciences po Aix

Aix-en-Provence

22, 23, 24 May 2025



Thursday 22 May 2025

Sciences po Aix, Espace Philippe Seguin, 31 avenue Jean Dalmas, Aix-en-Provence

ROOM EPS 003

9.30 AM : WELCOME ADDRESS

Nicolas Badalassi, Sciences po Aix

10.00-12.00

ROOM EPS 001

Post-colonial diplomacy

Chair and discussant : François Dumasy, Sciences po Aix

The Maltese factor: Examining the Intersection of Postcolonialism, Imperialism, and Modern Diplomacy

Martin D. Brown, Richmond American University, London

Internationalism, late colonial situations, and diplomatic practice experiences by Cameroonians and Togolese (1945-1960)

Pauline Cherbonnier, Sciences po Aix

Britain's Special Representative in Africa: British attempts to manage post-independence diplomatic relations with Africa

Poppy Cullen, Loughborough University

ROOM EPS 003

Culinary and gastronomic diplomacy

Chair and discussant : Laurence Badel, University of Paris – Panthéon Sorbonne

The coproduction of diplomatic practices: the ritual of exchanging food and drinks during Spanish-Mapuche parliaments during the 17th to 19 centuries

Dennis Sorondo Salazar, University of the Basque Country

Teaplomacy: how China is spilling its cultural diplomacy with tea culture in international institutions

Marie Cazes, University of Jyväskylä (visio)

Servir l'empereur et servir le président : structure et permanence du métier de queux et de chef dans le cadre de la représentation de l'État français en France et à l'étranger (XIXe-XXIe)

Marion Tayart de Borms, Médéric-L'école hôtelière de Paris

ROOM EPS 101

Academic diplomacy

Chair and discussant : Benoît Pouget, Sciences po Aix

Turning the Tables on U.S. Public Diplomacy:

The U.S. Bicentennial Conference on American Studies in Shiraz (1975)

Deborah Cohn, Indiana University Bloomington

Mutual Understanding, but with Whom? The Expansion of West German Student Exchange after the Fall of the Iron Curtain (1990-2000)

Guillaume Placide-Breitenbucher, University of Strasbourg

Diplomatic Academics and Academic Diplomats – In Service of and In Opposition to the State

Bradley Reynolds

University of Helsinki

The Limits of the North-South Dialogue in the US-European Administration of the Fulbright Exchange Program

Alessandro Brogi, University of Arkansas

ROOM EPS 104

Diplomatic and paradiplomatic networks

Chair and discussant: Giles Scott-Smith, Leiden University

Private diplomacy and Afro-Scandinavian intellectual networks in the cultural cold war
Dino Knudsen, Malmö University

Exile Diplomacy – Danish Practices of Displaced Politics during the Second World War
Karen Gram-Skjoldager, Niels Wium Olesen and Jacob Vrist Nielsen, Aarhus University

Our Men in Panama. Anglo-American Diplomatic Networks, Trans-imperial Connections and the Panama Canal
Marco Mariano, University of Turin

Paulina Luisi
A transnational network of women in the League of Nations' fight against sex trafficking
Emma Post, University of Amsterdam

2.00-4.00 PM

ROOM EPS 001

Diplomatic practices

Chairman and discussant : Anne Deighton, Oxford University

'Unmediated Repositories of Information?' Diplomatic Reports as Artifacts of Practice
Pavol Jakubec, University of Gothenburg

The Foreign Correspondent as a Diplomat: Alain de Prelle de la Nieppe between Decolonization and the Cold War in Asia (ca. 1946-1955)
Michael Auwers, State Archives of Belgium

Ambassador, soldier, spy: cooperating to deploy French foreign diplomacy during the Cold War
Victor Natalizio, Sciences po Aix

ROOM EPS 003

Languages and interpreters

Chair and discussant: Vineet Thakur, Leiden University

"The Training Center for Interpreters and Translators: an example of cooperation and diplomatic networking through the transfer of skills, norms and practices between France and Việt Nam, 1995-2014"
Cathy Monarque, Université Montpellier 3 – Paul Valéry

Translating (Belgian) Empire?
The Transimperial Translators-Interpreters within the Leopoldian Diplomatic Network in Late Qing China

Eline Ceulemans, University of Antwerp

Understanding Soft Power Diplomacy in North-South Relations: Role of the Indian Diaspora in Popularising the Hindi Language in Europe

Aditi Basu, India-based independent researcher (videoconference)

ROOM EPS 101

Women's diplomacy, gendered diplomacy

Chair and discussant: Claire Miot, Sciences po Aix

Honorable Gentlemen and Defenseless Savages: Masculinity and Civilization in the U.S.-German Dispute over Samoa

Maximilian Klose, University of Freiburg

'(...) my government is not happy with certain portions of the preamble, which to us seem extraneous (...)': the United States' battle against the politicization of women's rights in the negotiations of the preamble to CEDAW

Natali Moreira, Institute of International Relations at the University of São Paulo and King's College London.

The avant-la-lettre women diplomats of the First Provisional Government of the Portuguese Revolution of 1974

Helena Pinto Janeiro, Instituto Diplomático & Instituto de História Contemporânea, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

ROOM EPS 104

Diplomacy of Democracy: Networks, Partnerships, and Alliances

Chair and discussant : Umberto Tulli, University of Trento

Maddalena Valacchi (University of Trento), « Pop-Poland: Solidarnosc and the Building of Its International Network »

Matthew Graves (Aix-Marseille Université)

Michael Stricof (Aix-Marseille Université)

Rasmus Søndergaard (DIIS)

4.30-6.30 PM

ROOM EPS 001

Artistic and archaeological diplomacy

Chair and discussant : Matthew Graves, Aix-Marseille University

Early Anglo-American cultural diplomacy? Archaeology, culture and power in Greece and in the Ottoman Empire (1882-1914)

Tanguy Gil, Sorbonne University

America's Unwitting Diplomats: The Jazz Expats and the Americanization of Europe

Jonathan Rosenberg (Hunter College and the CUNY Graduate Center)

Temporal Estrangement and Diplomatic Encounters in the World of Art – China and the West

Akos Kopper, Oxford University, ELTE University Budapest

ROOM EPS 003

Diplomatic friendships and personal relationships

Chair and discussant: Nicolas Badalassi, Sciences po Aix

“We Blacks must stick together” : Thinking the friendship between Franz Josef Strauß and Gnassingbé Eyadéma (1971-1988)

Kodzo Gozo, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (videoconference)

Between France and the world. Yseult and Maurice de Coppet between France, Ethiopia and Finland.

Louis Clerc, University of Turku

Olof Palme, Sweden, and the Vietnam War: A Diplomatic History

Lubna Qureshi, Stockholm

ROOM EPS 101

Religious diplomacy

Chair and discussant : Alix Philippon, Sciences po Aix

Awakened Christian Diplomats in the Holy Land: The Anglo-Prussian Protestant Presence in 19th century Jerusalem

Samuel B. Keeley, Forschungszentrum Gotha, Universität Erfurt

Interreligious Diplomacy: Case Studies in North-South Diplomatic Networks and Diaspora Diplomacy

Vedran Obućina, Centre for Interreligious Dialogue (Croatia)

Re-thinking the Landscape of International Affairs: Al-Ghazzal's Islamic Diplomatic Thought in Light of his Rihla to Spain (1766-1767)

Achraf G. Idrissi, University of Debrecen, Hungary

ROOM EPS 104

New practices, practice transferts

Chair and discussant: Alice Byrne, Aix-Marseille University

The Emergence of Multinational Diplomacy and Its Resistance in Algiers and Istanbul (1815-1819)

Gianpietro Sette, University of Turin

Diplomatic transfer from West to Russian and rejection of the West

Dmitry V. Shlapentokh, Indiana University

Naval salutes and the intercultural transmission of diplomatic knowledge in the early modern Indian Ocean

Maxime Morel, European University Institute

Encounters with Dissidents in Authoritarian Regimes: Decentering the Debate about a Cold War Diplomatic Practice

Bent Boel, Aalborg University

Friday 23 May 2025

Sciences po Aix, Espace Philippe Seguin, 31 avenue Jean Dalmas, Aix-en-Provence

8.30-10.30 AM

ROOM EPS 001

The Depths of Imperialism: Water as Space, Environment and Security Concern

Chair: Beatrice de Graaf, Utrecht University

Discussant: Benoît Pouget, Sciences Po Aix

Fluid projects: Waterscapes and Imperial Projections during the International Geographic Conferences in Europe, 1871-1889

Joep Schenk, Utrecht University

Conflicts Ashore: Naval Diplomacy during the Syrian Civil War, 1860-1861

Erik de Lange, Utrecht University

Configurations of sovereignty in nineteenth-century trans-imperial projects of maritime security

Lukas Schemper, ZfL Berlin

“This State of Danger” : Andrew White and John Tully's Representations of the Mediterranean Sea as a Dangerous Zone

Aggelis Zarokostas, Utrecht University

ROOM EPS 003

Fictions and diplomacy

Chair and discussant : Martin Brown, Richmond American University, London

Visualizing Russo-Qing Diplomacy: Illustrated Ambassadorial Fictions and the Representation of EurAsian Transimperial Encounters in 18th-Century Europe

Sylvia Tongyan Qiu, UCLA

Mobilising Tamerlane, the Mona Lisa, and more: iconic 'diplomatic encounters' in literature

Alice Xiang, King's College London

Portuguese diplomat or the Pope's barber? The diplomatic history of a painting by Diego Velásquez

Luciano Cesar Da Costa, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Niterói, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Consuls

Chair and discussant : Marion Aballéa, Sciences po Strasbourg

Samuël Ruysenaers. Dutch merchant consul and cocreator of the Suez Canal

David Van Gent, University of Amsterdam/Amsterdam School of Historical Studies

Foes and Friends -

The British Press of the Treaty Ports and their Consuls

Andreas Eichleter, University of Heidelberg

ROOM EPS 104

Legal aspects

Chair and discussant : Victor Ramon Fernandes, Universidade Lusíada, Lisbon

The long history of treaty-making in Southeast Asia

Indigenous agency and cross-cultural diplomacy

Stefan Amirell, Linnaeus University

Maarten Manse, Linnaeus University

Transfers in time: History, law and the self in diplomatic manuals of the twentieth century

Megan Donaldson, University College London

11.00 AM – 1.00 PM

ROOM EPS 001

Humanitarian and health diplomacy

Chair and discussant : Benoît Pouget, Sciences po Aix

American Quakers and Informal Diplomacy: Envisioning a New China Policy through Refugee Relief and Food

Yuqing Qiu, Sciences Po Paris

Murky waters in Tangier. Sanitary internationalism, Belgian industrial expansion and transimperial diplomatic interests in (pre-)colonial Morocco, 1899-1923

Gert Huskens, Utrecht University

“The sanitary situation...is a matter of vital interest to the United States”: U.S. Doctors and Diplomats in North Africa After the Great War

Jonathan Chilcote, Florida College

“AIDS diplomacy” and the redefining of diplomatic practices between North and South at the end of the 20 th century

Marion Aballéa, University of Strasbourg / LinCS

ROOM EPS 003

Administering the diaspora: policies of assistance and control of nationals abroad in historical perspective

Chair : Fabrice Jesné, Nantes University

Sven Mörsdorf (IEU Florence, specialist in the Austro-Hungarian consular service, with a case study on Brazil)

Victor Pereira (University of Pau - Instituto de História Contemporânea of the New University of Lisbon, specialist in the migration policies of the Portuguese state in the twentieth century)

Gong Zhang (EHESS, specialist in diplomatic and extra-diplomatic relations between China and France).

Discussant : Stéphane Dufoix, University of Paris Nanterre

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North-South relationships in Europe

Chair and discussant: Carlos Sanz Díaz, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Between Activist Diplomacy and Diplomatic Activism: Scandinavia and the Greek Military Dictatorship, 1967-1974

Matthaios Amanatiadis, Uppsala University

Follow the Mark: West German Postcolonial Development and the Financing of Post-Franco Spain's Democracy"

Dr. Asensio Robles, Comillas Pontifical University of Madrid

A Bridge Between North and South:

Portugal's Diplomacy During the Carnation Revolution

Frédéric Heurtebize, Université Paris-Nanterre

Spared from the purges – the Portuguese diplomatic corps during the Carnation Revolution of 1974 and the transition to democracy

Pedro Aires Oliveira, Instituto de História Contemporânea, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

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Prosopography

Chair and discussant: Erik de Lange (Utrecht University)

British Chargés d'Affaires in Japan, 1858-1902

Michael Trull, Cardiff University

Eurocentrism in Europe?

Challenging Homogeneity in Early Modern Diplomatic Corps

Emma J. Forsberg, Lund University

Indigenous diplomats representing a colony – the exceptional case of British India

Amit Das Gupta, Universität der Bundeswehr München

2.30-4.30 PM

ROOM EPS 001

Multilateralism

Chair and discussant: Anne-Maria K. Fenner, University of Oulu

Meeting in the Pacific: Mutual Learning between Chinese and European

Delegates at Transnational Conferences, c. 1925-1949

Yui Chim Lo, University of Manchester

The ECSC for Water and Energy, the European Commission's foray into multilateral diplomacy in the wake of the Oslo Accords (September 1993 - January 1995)

Paul-Antoine Tugayé, Sorbonne Université

Thermonuclear Diplomacy and Geography since the End of the Cold War

Gabriella Rago, University of Turin

ROOM EPS 003

Evolving Diplomatic Relationships in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries
(Videoconference)

Chair and discussant: Jason White, Appalachian State University

Tiffany Bragg, University of California, Riverside
Elizabeth Hines, Johns Hopkins University
Olivia Young, University of Chicago

ROOM EPS 101

Using born digital sources for diplomatic history

Chair: Louis Clerc, University of Turku

Discussant: Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol (EUI, Florence), Sophie Gebeil (Aix-Marseille Université)

Frédéric Clavert, assistant professor, C2DH, Luxembourg
Louis Clerc, professor, Turku.
Sophia Mahroug, Luxembourg / Sorbonne Université
Dieter Schlenker, Historical Archive of the European Union
Gergely Fejérdy, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs

ROOM EPS 104

Humanizing Diplomatic History: Cases from Turkish Foreign Policy

Chair and discussant: Dilek Yankaya, Sciences po Aix

A Social History of Turkish Embassy in Paris: Practices, Networks and Representation
M. Ezel Ünal, Kocaeli University

“Yes, Prime Minister” or More? The Role of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Turkish Diplomacy during and after the Cyprus Intervention
R. Funda Karadeniz, Gaziantep University

A Case of Diplomatic Self: The End of Ambassador Hasan Esan Işık’s Term in France
Hüseyin Sert, Independent Researcher

Inside and Outside: Diplomatic Spouses in Turkish Foreign Policy
Hazal Papuççular, Fenerbahçe University, Istanbul

5.00-7.00 PM

Sciences po Aix – 25 rue Gaston de Saporta – Aix-en-Provence

Amphithéâtre René Cassin

NEW DIPLOMATIC HISTORY NETWORK SESSION

Giles Scott-Smith, Leiden University

Louis Clerc, University of Turku

Laurence Badel, University of Paris – Panthéon Sorbonne

Fiona McConnell, University of Oxford

Beatrice de Graaf, Utrecht University

Vineet Thakur, Leiden University

7.00-9.00 PM

Dinner offered by the Mediterranean Center of Sociology, Political Science and History (MESOPOLHIS)

Espace Philippe Seguin – 31 avenue Jean Dalmas – Aix-en-Provence

Saturday 24 May 2025

Sciences po Aix – 25 rue Gaston de Saporta – Aix-en-Provence

9.30 : Keynote speaker (Amphithéâtre René Cassin)

Dr. Vineet Thakur, Leiden University

Indian Diplomacy and the Global Reproduction of Caste

11.00 AM - 1.00 PM

Amphithéâtre René Cassin

Individual diplomacy

Chair and discussant: Pedro Aires Oliveira, Instituto de História Contemporânea, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

”How to Represent China” : Wellington Koo’s Diplomatic Actives Serving as the First French Ambassador

Lin Hongxuan, Peking University,

What Hammond’s Diplomacy Reveals about Post-Colonial Influence

Ann Woodard, American Institute, University of Munich, D.Phil ABD

The Anti-Imperialism of Oliveira Lima in Belgium
Belgo-Brazilian diplomacy during the epoch of High Imperialism (1900-1914)
Janne Schreurs, KU Leuven, Belgium/UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro

Ernest Bevin, India and the end of empire : principles, policy, and the practice of power.
Anne Deighton, Oxford University

SALLE SAP VIDEO

‘Global South’ Diplomats : knowledges, practices, agency (I)

Chair and discussant: Giles Scott-Smith, Leiden University

Diplomatic Knowledge Transfer and Contestation between Metropole and Postcolonial Nation: The Case of Equatorial Guinea and Spain during Transitional Years, 1969–1991
Noé Cornago, Universidad del País Vasco- Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea
Carlos Sanz Díaz, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Internationalization of the Institute of International Relations of Cameroon (IRIC): the logics of a student presence from abroad (1971-2016).
Idrisse Désiré Machia A Rim, Université de Yaoundé (visioconference)

“Promoting the transition from colonialism to the normalization of intellectual and political relations” : a credo of Swiss aid in diplomatic training in the South and its impact on local academic actors
Charlotte Roy, Geneva Graduate Institute, Center for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism

Diplomatic training and spaces of anticolonial worldmaking
Ruth Craggs, Department of Geography, King’s College London
Jonathan Harris, Department of Geography, King’s College London
Fiona McConnell, Department of Geography, University of Oxford

SALLE SAP 002

Ferrante I of Naples and the shifting diplomatic landscape: interactions across South-North and East-West

Chair and Discussant: Francesco Storti, Università degli Studi di Napoli “Federico II”

Imma Petito, Università degli Studi di Salerno-Vrije Universiteit Brussels
Armida Toraldo, Università del Salento
Leo Donnarumma, Université Grenoble “Alpes”-Università degli Studi di Napoli “Federico II”
Sarah Procopio, Université de Paris 8-Università degli Studi di Padova

SALLE SAP 102.1

DUOS: Diplomatic Marginality and Influence

Chair and discussant: Susanna Erlandsson, Uppsala University

Myriam Piguet (University of Luxembourg)

Marine Pierre (University of Copenhagen)

Haakon A. Ikonomou (University of Copenhagen)

2.30-4.30 PM

Amphithéâtre René Cassin

Diplomatic Networks, Communist Parties, and Mass Organizations during the Cold War. Southeast Europe and Beyond.

Chair and discussant : Frédéric Heurtebize, University Paris-Nanterre

Yugoslav-Polish relations through their mass organizations during the 1950s and 1960s
Maja Lukanc, Institute for contemporary history, Ljubljana

The relationship of the Romanian and the Greek communist parties in the aftermath of the Greek Civil War

Paschalis Pechlivanis, Utrecht University

The transfer of political ideas between the Albanian and the Chinese leadership from the late 1950s onward

Idrit Idrizi, Austrian Academy of Sciences

The Yugoslavia's relation with Cyprus through the lens of encounters between the League of Communists of Yugoslavia and the Cypriot communist party

Agustín Cosovschi, École française d'Athènes, Athens

SALLE SAP VIDEO

The Sound of the Silenced: Listening to Those Who Built, Maintained, and Adapted Diplomatic Architecture.

Chair and discussant:

Angela Gigliotti (Det Danske Institut i Rom / Arkitektskolen Aarhus / ETH Zurich)
(videoconference)

Charlotte Rottiers (ETH Zürich, D-ARCH, Professorship for History and Theory of Architecture / KU Leuven, Faculty of Architecture)

Omne malum ab aquilone: Christina of Sweden's first diplomatic residence in the Tower of Winds (20-26 December 1655)

Fabio Gigone (ETH Zürich, D-ARCH, Professorship for History and Theory of Architecture / University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Theology, Centre for Privacy Studies)

The Invisible Hand: Female Bureaucrats behind the Architecture of Nordic Foreign Aid
Maryia Rusak (ETH Zürich, Chair History and Theory of Urban Design)

Permanently Temporary: The Austro-Hungarian Consulate in Prizren, Kosovo and its Many Inhabitants, 1868-1912
Sven Mörsdorf (European University Institute, Department of History)

SALLE SAP 002

‘Global South’ Diplomats: knowledges, practices, agency (II)

Chair and discussant: Ruth Craggs, King’s College London

“Knowledge Precedes Understanding”: Global South-South Student Diplomacy in the Global North in the 1950s
Ngozi Edeagu, Leipzig University,

Race and the Unraveling of Third Worldism
Vivien Chang, E. John Rosenwald Postdoctoral Fellow, The Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College

‘International Society’ and the role of global South diplomatic ideas and practice
Yolanda K. Spies, Director: Diplomatic Studies Programme, University of Oxford

SALLE SAP 102.1

Cultural Diplomacy

Chair and discussant : Louis Clerc, University of Turku

The Moretis Vision in action: Architecting Greece’s Cold War Image at the Frankfurt Exhibition

Giorgos Skamantzouras, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Meropi Eleni Gkavogianni, Democritus University of Thrace

(Co-)constructing cultural diplomacy in the post-colonial era: the case of the Commonwealth Institute in London (1960s-1970s)
Anaïs Makhzoum, Université de Picardie

4.30-6.30

Amphithéâtre René Cassin

Science Diplomacy in Times of Decolonization: Methods, Actors, Practices (1943-1975)

Chair and discussant : Ruth Craggs, King's College London

Communication or Conflict? Politics of Globality in UNESCO's Making of Conference Diplomacy into a Technique, 1948-1960

Thomas Mougey LERMA, Aix-Marseille Université

Forging Indo-British Ties through the "Common Language of Science": Scientists, learned societies and postcolonial cultural diplomacy, 1943-1955

Alice Byrne, LERMA, Aix-Marseille Université

Alternative Channels of Diplomacy in a Decolonizing World: The British Council and CREDO's Science Education Programmes in 'Developing Countries'

Alice Naisbitt, CHSTM, University of Manchester

SALLE SAP 002

Tools of Power in Global Diplomacy, 1400-1900

Chair : Lisa Hellman

Discussant: Stefan Eklöf Amirell

Sultan of the World: Global Islamic Diplomacy under the Mamluks of Egypt in the late 15 th -early 16 th centuries.

Malika Dekkiche

Negotiating Authority in Anglo-Mughal Diplomacy: Tools of Power in the Norris Embassy (1699-1702)

Guido van Meersbergen

Alliances and Negotiations in the Sulu Zone, c. 1760-1830

Birgit Tremml-Werner

SALLE SAP VIDEO

Serving the Servants of Diplomacy

Chair and discussant: Karen Gram-Skjoldager, Aarhus University

Embassy Household Staff and 20th-century Diplomatic Hierarchies

Susanna Erlandsson, Uppsala University

Servants of multilateral diplomacy: the League of Nations Secretariat

Haakon A. Ikonomou, University of Copenhagen

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Naoko Shimazu, University of Tokyo