

THE WORLD AND EUROPE:

**DIPLOMATIC TRANSFERS, NETWORKS,
REPRESENTATIONS AND PRACTICES**

Sixth Conference of the New Diplomatic History Network



22-24 MAY, 2025

Sciences Po Aix, Aix-en-Provence, France

The **6th conference of the network for New Diplomatic History**, scheduled for the spring of 2025 at Sciences Po Aix, will mark the 12th anniversary of the inaugural NDH conference held at Leiden in 2013 (<https://newdiplomatichistory.org/>).

This event will be dedicated to the study of **diplomatic transfers, networks, representations and practices between the World and Europe, but also between Europe and the World**. This approach aims to highlight North-South and South-North dimensions of diplomatic practices and actors during the modern and contemporary periods (XVIth – XXIst centuries).

The theme chosen for this conference will gather research dealing with diplomacy as a shared activity. Peoples involved in diplomacy are constantly dependent on their interlocutors, their practices, their rhythms and their language. They feed off the experiences they encounter, seeking to adapt their negotiating style to the world's political, social, psychological and technological evolutions, with the aim of best defending their country's interests. While the idea is well establish that diplomatic actors in the South were able to draw inspiration from the practices of the North to assert themselves on the international scene at the turning point of the decolonization process, historiography has not only shown that transnational North-South, South-South and South-North transnational influences were already at work before the mid-twentieth century, but also that after the decolonizations, the countries of the North had no choice but to adapt to the realities and experiences of the South in order to have a say in post-colonial international relations.

The goal of this 6th conference will be to continue the efforts of previous meetings to broaden the scope of new diplomatic history. **It welcomes global perspectives originating from outside the Euro-American sphere, to explore the inter-cultural dimensions of diplomatic contacts across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and how diplomatic norms have been adapted to context-specific settings and practices.**

Thursday 22 May 2025

Sciences Po Aix, Espace Philippe Séguin
31 avenue Jean Dalmas, Aix-en-Provence

9.30 AM: WELCOME ADRESS

ROOM EPS 003

Nicolas Badalassi, Sciences Po Aix

10.00-12.00 AM

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

(Co-)constructing cultural diplomacy in the post-colonial era: the case of the Commonwealth Institute in London (1960s-1970s)

Anaïs Makhzoum, University of Picardie

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 19th centuries

Dennis Sorondo Salazar, University of the Basque Country (remotely)

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

Marie Cazes, University of Jyväskylä (remotely)

Serving the emperor and serving the president: structure and continuity of the profession of chef and head chef in the context of representing the French state in France and abroad (19th-21st centuries)

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

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

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, Paul Valéry University Montpellier 3

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 (remotely)

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, University of São Paulo / King's College London (remotely)

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

Helena Pinto Janeiro, NOVA University Lisbon

ROOM EPS 104

Diplomacy of Democracy: Networks, Partnerships, and Alliances

Chair and discussant: Umberto Tulli, University of Trento

Pop-Poland: Solidarnosc and the Building of Its International Network

Maddalena Valacchi, University of Trento

Matthew Graves, Aix-Marseille University

Michael Stricof, Aix-Marseille University

Rasmus Søndergaard, Danish Institute for International Studies

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 / 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: Andrew Williams, University of Saint Andrews

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

Kodzo Gozo, University of Paris – Panthéon Sorbonne (remotely)

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, Independent Researcher based in 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, University of Erfurt

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

Vedran Obućina, University of Regensburg

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

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

Friday 23 May 2025

Sciences Po Aix, Espace Philippe Séguin
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 D. 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 Velázquez

Luciano Cesar Da Costa, Fluminense Federal University (remotely)

ROOM EPS 101

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, Lusíada University
Lisbon**

The long history of treaty-making in Southeast Asia. Indigenous agency and cross-cultural diplomacy

Stefan Amirell and Maarten Manse, Linnaeus University

Transfers in time: History, law and the self in diplomatic manuals of the 20th 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 20th century

Marion Aballéa, Sciences Po Strasbourg

ROOM EPS 003

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

Chair: Fabrice Jesné, Nantes University

Discussant: Stéphane Dufoix, Paris Nanterre University

Sven Mörsdorf, European University Institute, specialist in the Austro-Hungarian consular service, with a case study on Brazil

Victor Pereira, University of Pau / New University of Lisbon, specialist in the migration policies of the Portuguese state in the 20th century

Gong Zhang, EIDD Engineering School, Paris Cité University / Sorbonne University, specialist in diplomatic and extra-diplomatic relations between China and France

ROOM EPS 104

North-South relationships in Europe

Chair and discussant: Carlos Sanz Díaz, Complutense University of 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

Asensio Robles, Comillas Pontifical University of Madrid

A Bridge Between North and South: Portugal's Diplomacy During the Carnation Revolution

Frédéric Heurtebize, Paris-Nanterre University

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

Pedro Aires Oliveira, New University of Lisbon

ROOM EPS 101

Prosopography

Chair and discussant: Erik de Lange, Utrecht University

British Chargés d'Affaires in Japan (1858-1902)

Michael Trull, Cardiff University (remotely)

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

Amit Das Gupta, Bundeswehr University Munich

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 University

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

(Remotely)

Chair and discussant: Jason White, Appalachian State University

A “just cause”: Assassination, Failed Anglo-Spanish Diplomacy, and the Caribbean

Tiffany Bragg, University of California, Riverside

Taking Advantage of Each Other's Alliances in Anglo-Dutch Empire

Elizabeth Hines, Johns Hopkins University

The Ties That Bind: Western Sephardim and Their Networks as Agents of Informal Diplomacy in the Early Modern

Olivia Young, University of Chicago

ROOM EPS 101

Using born digital sources for diplomatic history

Chair: Louis Clerc, University of Turku

Discussants: Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol, European University Institute, Sophie Gebeil, Aix-Marseille University

Frédéric Clavert, University of Luxembourg (remotely)

Sophia Mahroug, University of Luxembourg / Sorbonne University

Musa Samir, European University Institute

Gergely Fejérdy, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs

ROOM EPS 104

Humanizing Diplomatic History: Cases from Turkish Foreign Policy

Chair and discussant: Benoît Pouget, Sciences Po Aix

A Social History of Turkish Embassy in Paris: Practices, Networks and Representation

Müzeyyen 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 (remotely)

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 (remotely)

5.00-7.00 PM

**Sciences Po Aix – 25 rue Gaston de Saporta – Aix-en-Provence
RENÉ CASSIN LECTURE THEATRE**

NEW DIPLOMATIC HISTORY NETWORK SESSION

Giles Scott-Smith, Leiden University

Louis Clerc, University of Turku

Laurence Badel, University of Paris – Panthéon Sorbonne

Fiona McConnell, Oxford University

Beatrice de Graaf, Utrecht University

Vineet Thakur, Leiden University

7.00-9.00 PM

Espace Philippe Séguin

31 avenue Jean Dalmas – Aix-en-Provence

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

Saturday 24 May 2025

Sciences Po Aix, Saporta Site
25 rue Gaston de Saporta, Aix-en-Provence

9.30: KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RENÉ CASSIN LECTURE THEATRE

Indian Diplomacy and the Global Reproduction of Caste

Vineet Thakur, Leiden University

11.00 AM - 1.00 PM

RENÉ CASSIN LECTURE THEATRE

Individual diplomacy

Chair and discussant: Pedro Aires Oliveira, New University of Lisbon

What Hammond's Diplomacy Reveals about Post-Colonial Influence

Ann Woodard, University of Munich

The Anti-Imperialism of Oliveira Lima in Belgium. Belgo-Brazilian diplomacy during the epoch of High Imperialism (1900-1914)

Janne Schreurs, KU Leuven / Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

Ernest Bevin, India and the end of empire: principles, policy, and the practice of power

Anne Deighton, Oxford University

ROOM 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, University of the Basque Country

Carlos Sanz Díaz, Complutense University of 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, University of Yaoundé I (remotely)

“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

Diplomatic training and spaces of anticolonial worldmaking

Ruth Craggs, King's College London

Jonathan Harris, Dublin City University

Fiona McConnell, Oxford University

ROOM SAP 002

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

(Remotely)

Chair and Discussant: Francesco Storti, University of Naples Federico II

Imma Petito, University of Salerno / Free University of Brussels

Armida Toraldo, University of Salento

Leo Donnarumma, Grenoble Alpes University / University of Naples

Federico II

Sarah Procopio, Paris 8 University / Università degli Studi di Padova

ROOM SAP 102.1

DUOS: Diplomatic Marginality and Influence

Chair and discussant: Susanna Erlandsson, Uppsala University

Climbing the Glass Cliff at the United Nations Secretariat: The role of Lucille Mathunir Mair and Rasil Basu in the organization of the Conference on the Question of Palestine (1983)

Myriam Piguet, University of Luxembourg

A Diplomatic Household: The Women Behind Ambassador W. Averell Harriman

Marine Pierre, University of Copenhagen

Marginality and Influence in the League's Disarmament Section: the story of Liba Hersch and Nahim Slutzki

Haakon A. Ikonomou, University of Copenhagen

2.30-4.30 PM

RENÉ CASSIN LECTURE THEATRE

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

Chair and discussant: **Frédéric Heurtebize**, Paris-Nanterre University

Yugoslav-Polish relations through their mass organizations during the 1950s and 1960s

Maja Lukanc, Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana (remotely)

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 early 1960s

Idrit Idrizi, Austrian Academy of Sciences (remotely)

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

ROOM SAP VIDEO

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

Chair and discussant:

Angela Gigliotti, Danish Academy in Rome / ETH Zurich / Aarhus School of Architecture (remotely)

Charlotte Rottiers, ETH Zurich

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

Fabio Gigone, ETH Zurich / University of Copenhagen

The Invisible Hand: Female Bureaucrats behind the Architecture of Nordic Foreign Aid

Maryia Rusak, ETH Zurich

ROOM 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, Dartmouth College

North-South solidarity? The politics and pedagogies of training South African diplomats in early 90s Europe

Jonathan Harris, Dublin City University

4.30-6.30

RENÉ CASSIN LECTURE THEATRE

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, Aix-Marseille University

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

Alice Byrne, Aix-Marseille University

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

Alice Naisbitt, University of Manchester

ROOM SAP 002

Tools of Power in Global Diplomacy (1400-1900)

Chair: Lisa Hellman, Lund University

Discussant: Stefan Eklöf Amirell, Linnaeus University

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

Malika Dekkiche, University of Antwerp

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

Guido van Meersbergen, University of Warwick

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

Birgit Tremml-Werner, Linnaeus University

ROOM 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

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