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Call for papers

Modern European Diplomacies and the Eastern
Adriatic - MEDEA
Research project group is excited to host the upcoming
International Conference

"From Words to Acts: Written Sources for Reconstruction and Understanding of Diplomatic Negotiation"

Venue: Croatian Institute of History,
Opatička 10, Zagreb

Date: **30 November - 1 December 2020**

Please submit a paper title, abstract of about 300 words and 5 key words, along with your name and a brief biography of about 200 words to the Conference e-mail address

medea@isp.hr

Deadline for submissions: 31 May 2020

Conference information:

Venetian Republic, Hungarian, Spanish and French Kingdoms, Habsburg Monarchy, Russian and Ottoman Empires as well as the Papal Curia have for centuries been protagonists of complex relations and policies on the Eastern Adriatic. Dynamic mutual networking inevitably defined their strategic, political, economic, and cultural interests. With its sophisticated administration and the best organised diplomatic network Papal Curia very soon became the best informed European Court with the constant flow of information which made the negotiations and political decision making fast and easier. Although it seems that the papal diplomacy stood well in front of its time and

paved the way to others, Pope's activities have evidently always been agreed and coordinated beforehand.

The conference aims to bring together researchers and leading specialists from Croatia and abroad who will discuss methodological reflections in transnational diplomatic history with case studies analyzing the variety of ways papal nuncios and legates, princes' ambassadors, envoys and diplomats throughout Europe interacted with their correspondents along with the expectations, tensions and contexts that accompanied such interactions. Furthermore, the organizers propose to explore and hope to illuminate the communication strategies, dynamics and mechanisms used to manage their relationships or accomplish their political aims, as well as the personnel involved in the production, use and circulation of different manuscript accounts.

Proposed papers should address roles, interactions, social bonds, along with cultural, economic, political or any other views and reflections of these relationships related to the Eastern Adriatic from the Late Middle Ages, Early Modern and Contemporary period. Proposals of case studies in a specific historical context tackled in an intercultural perspective, both ongoing or newly started research based on a variety of archival sources (official texts, private letters, memoirs, chronicles) utilizing geographic or chronological comparisons and taking into account international / transnational circulation of information on accomplished missions, are welcome.

The Conference languages will be English, Croatian and Italian.

Conference Organizing Committee is composed of the MEDEA project team members Jadranka Neralić, Valerija Macan Lukavečki, Stipe Kljaić and Nikša Varezić.

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