Shaping Good Faith: Modes of Communication in Ancient Diplomacy

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Making it happen: in rituals we trust?
10:00 Gabriel Herman (Jerusalem)
When rulers meet. Rituals of diplomatic encounter in Classical Greece
10:50 Lynette Mitchell (Exeter)
The politics of faithfulness: reciprocity and ritual in ancient Greek diplomacy
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12:00 Sebastian Schaff (Marneheim)
Treaties and trust. Oaths as an element of securing interstate agreements
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Establishing and shaping good faith between communities
13:50 Francesca Gazzano (Genova)
Bridging the gap. Using the past to shape good faith in Greek diplomatic speeches
14:40 Dominique Lenfant (Strasbourg)
The role of xenia in diplomatic relations between Greeks and Persians
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Narratives of Greek-Persian diplomacy: authorial contexts
16:00 Pietro Vannicelli (Roma)
Xenex’ false friends: diplomacy and history during the Persian wars
16:50 Christopher Tuplin (Liverpool)
Diplomatic mercenaries: treaties, truces and transactions in Xenophon’s Anabasis
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Narratives of Greek-Persian diplomacy: close readings
9:20 Edith Foster (Berlin)
Artaxerxes’ letter to the Spartans in Book 4 of Thucydides: contexts, style, and interpretation
10:10 Francesco Mari (Berlin)
From king to King. Persian royal ideology and Macedonian propaganda in the exchange of letters between Darius III and Alexander (Art. An. 11.4)
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The coming of Rome – the same old story?
11:30 Felix Maier (Würzburg)
Perseus against Rome. A story of failed diplomacy?
12:10 Christian Wendi (Bochum)
Etiquette and ambition. Partho-Roman diplomacy and the Roman Republic in crisis
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Antiochus offered his hand to Popilius, whereas Popilius handed him the tablets containing the decree of the senate. Then he drew a circle around the king with a rod, saying: Before you step out of this circle, give me an answer to lay before the senate.
Livy, Ab Urbe Condita, 16.12
Popilius envoyé en ambassade auprès d’Antiochus Épiphane pour arrêter le cours de ses ravages en Égypte.
Louis Jean François Lagrenée 1779, Lille (France)