

17th International Conference of Editors of Diplomatic Documents Rome, 30 - 31 May 2024

Conference Programme

Thursday, 30th May

- 09.00 – 09.30** Arrival and registration at the Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale, Sala Conferenze Internazionali, Piazzale della Farnesina, 1
- 09.00 – 09.45** Welcome Coffee
- 09.45 – 10.00** Opening and welcome [tbd]
- 10.00 – 12.00** Session 1: National minorities: documentary evidence and problems related to editing documents on minority issues
Chair: Antonio Varsori
Francesco Lefebvre D'Ovidio (Italy): *German-speaking minority in South Tyrol/Alto Adige: problems in the editing of diplomatic documents on internal legislation for autonomous administration*
Tim Geiger (Germany): *Buying Freedom. The FRG and the German minority in Romania 1969-1989*
Piotr Długołęcki (Poland): *Confronting the Holocaust. Documents on the Polish Government-in-Exile's Policy Concerning Jews 1939-1945*
Thomas Bürgisser (Switzerland): *The question of national minorities in the case of multicultural Switzerland*
Kathryn David (USA): *Black Activism and U.S. Foreign Policy on South Africa, 1989-1992*
- 12.00 – 13.00** Session 2: Presentation of the joint edition on «The dissolution of the USSR as seen from world capitals» – Francesco Lefebvre D'Ovidio
Keynote speech by Ambassador Umberto Vattani, *The dissolution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics*
- 13.00 – 14.00** Light lunch
- 14.00 – 15.30** Session 3/1: The comparative history of Foreign Affairs Departments in the world
Chair: Ilse Dorothee Pautsch
Carola Tischler (Germany): *The People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs of the USSR (1917-1939): Structural Changes of the Soviet Foreign Policy Agency*
Francesco Lefebvre/Antonio Varsori (Italy): *The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: a 300-year history, 1717-2017*
Michael Kennedy (Ireland): *«The Department is the apple of your eye, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh»: how Joseph Walshe's world view shaped the creation of Ireland's Department of External Affairs*
- 15.30 – 16.00** Coffee break and family picture

- 16:00 – 17:00** Session 3/2: The comparative history of Foreign Affairs Departments in the world
 Chair: Sacha Zala
 Helena Pinto Janeiro (Portugal): *The Diplomats of the Carnation Revolution: Portuguese Women in Foreign Affairs*
 Richard Smith (UK): *The unwritten history of the British Foreign Office*
- 17:00 – 18:00** Collezione Farnesina Guided Tour
- 18:00 – 18:30** Transfers to the dinner venue
- 18:30 – 21:30** Conference Dinner at Circolo degli Esteri, Lungotevere dell'Acqua Acetosa, 42
21:30 Transfers to the taxi stand in Piazzale della Farnesina (next to the Ministry)

Friday, 31st May

- 08:45 – 09:00** ICEDD Outgoing Bureau Meeting (For ICEDD Bureau members only)
- 09:00 – 10:00** ICEDD General Assembly (For ICEDD members only)
- 10:00 – 10:30** ICEDD Bureau meeting (For ICEDD Bureau members only)
- 10:30 – 10:45** Welcome Coffee
- 10:45 – 13:40** Session 4: Questionnaire updates and presentation of country programmes
 Chair: Richard Smith
 Jillian Beard (Australia): *Documents on Australian Foreign Policy: an Indo- Pacific focus*
 Brendan Kelly (Canada): *The Past, Present, and Future of the Documents on Canadian External Relations Series*
 Giuliana Del Papa (Italy): *Public Diplomacy and the publication of the Italian Documents*
 Miruko Atsuta (Japan): *Japanese Diplomatic Documents and Publications: Relations with Italy and Vatican*
 Cees Heere (Netherlands): *Listening to the past. Observations from the Dutch Diplomatic Oral History project*
 Piotr Długolecki (Poland): *30 volumes of the PDD series - plans and challenges*
 Sabriye Kısa (Türkiye): *Thematic and chronological editions of Turkish Diplomatic Archives*
 Kathleen Rasmussen (USA): *Taking Back Control: Recent Innovations in FRUS Production*
- 13:40 – 14:40** Light Lunch
- 14:40 – 16:10** Session 5: New developments in the field of digital editing
 Chair: Piotr Długolecki
 Louise Fischer/Michal Saft (Israel): *The challenges in long term management of digital publications*
 Joe Wicentowski (USA): *FRUS AI – Exploring Applications of “Artificial Intelligence” for Editing and Enriching the Foreign Relations of the United States Series*
 Sacha Zala (Switzerland): *Punctual as a Swiss watch – Dodis goes AI*
- 16:10 – 16:25** Closing Remarks [tbd]
- 16:30 – 17:00** Minivan transfer to the farewell cocktail venue
- 17:00 – 18:30** Farewell Cocktail at Parco dei Principi Hotel, Via Gerolamo Frescobaldi, 5
- 18:30 – 19:00** Walking through Villa Borghese to the Galleria Borghese
- 19:00 – 20:00** Private guided tour in Galleria Borghese, Piazzale Scipione Borghese 5