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THURSDAY OCTOBER 4, 2018

09.15–09.30  Paolo Sartori | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Introduction

09.30–13.00  TEXTUAL ENCOUNTERS AND THE SUBTLE ART OF DIPLOMACY I

09.30–10.30  Nicholas Abbott | University of Wisconsin-Madison
A Mulk of One’s Own? Sub-imperial Sovereignty and Territorial Statehood in late-Mughal Persianate Diplomacy, 1757-1775

10.30–11.30  Ulfatbek Abdurasulov | Austrian Academy of Sciences
A Passage to India: Rhetoric and Diplomacy between Muscovy and Central Asia, 17th Century

11.30–12.00  TEA BREAK

12.00–13.00  Stanisław Adam Jaśkowski | University of Warsaw
Translating Polities and Cultures: The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and Safavid Iran

13.00–14.00  LUNCH BREAK

14.00–16.00  ARCHIVES AND LEGAL BUREAUCRACIES

14.00–15.00  Daisy Livingston | School of Oriental and African Studies, London
Archive Fever in Late-Mamlūk Cairo: Property- and Waqf-Related Archiving on the Eve of the Ottoman Conquest of Egypt

15.00–16.00  Elizabeth Lhost | University of Wisconsin-Madison
Inside the Dar-ul-ifta: Exploring alternative legal bureaucracies in princely Hyderabad (c. 1920–1950)

16.00–16.30  TEA BREAK

16.30–17.30  KEYNOTE

Heather Ferguson | Claremont McKenna College
Scripted Courts and Entangled Practice: “Archive” as Method in Ottoman-Habsburg Territorial Rivalries

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5, 2018

09.30–11.30  TEXTUAL ENCOUNTERS AND THE SUBTLE ART OF DIPLOMACY II

09.30–10.30  Paolo Sartori | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Of Archival Silences: 18th-Century Russian-Khorezmian Diplomacy and the Historical Episteme of Central Asian Hostility

10.30–11.30  Selim Güngörüler | Boğaziçi University
Specialized Chancery Practices in Ottoman-Safavid Diplomacy: Diplomatics, Linguistics, and Expertise

11.30–12.00  TEA BREAK

12.00–15.00  FROM CHANCERY PRACTICES TO COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

12.00–13.00  Rian Thum | Loyola University, New Orleans
The Textual World of Yunnan’s Muslims, Written and Read

13.00–14.00  LUNCH BREAK

14.00–15.00  Daniel Sheffield | Princeton University
Family and Anjuman Archival Practice in Navsari: A Study of Two Parsi Document Collections

15.00–15.30  James Pickett | University of Pittsburgh
Concluding Remarks

15.30–16.00  Gijs Kruijitzer | University of Leiden
Archives, Paperwork, and Textual Encounters Across Eurasia: Comments on a Prospective Theme Issue of Itinerario