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Shaping Good Faith

Modes of Communication
in Ancient Diplomacy

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9:30 Coffee // 9:50 Introduction

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

11:40 Coffee

12:00 Sebastian Scharff (Mannheim)
Treaties and trust. Oaths as an element
of securing interstate agreements

12:50 Lunch

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

15:30 Coffee

Narratives of Greek-Persian diplomacy: authorial contexts

16:00 Pietro Vannicelli (Roma)
Xerxes' false friends: diplomacy and history
during the Persian wars

16:50 Christopher Tuplin (Liverpool)
Diplomatic mercenaries: treaties, truces and
transactions in Xenophon's *Anabasis*

17:40 End

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9:30 Coffee

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 propa-
ganda in the exchange of letters
between Darius III and Alexander
(Arr. An. II 14)

11:40 Coffee

The coming of Rome – the same old story?

11:20 Felix Maier (Würzburg)
Perseus against Rome. A story of failed
diplomacy?

12:10 Christian Wendt (Bochum)
Etiquette and ambition. Partho-Roman
diplomacy and the Roman Republic
in crisis

13:00 Lunch

14:00–15:00 Round table

Antiochus offered his
hand to Popilius, whereat
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, xlv.12

*Popilius envoyé en ambassade
auprès d'Antiochus Epiphane
pour arrêter le cours de ses
ravages en Egypte. Louis Jean
François Lagrenée 1779.
Lille (France)*

