“Everybody’s business”: A brief history of diplomacy
Fall 2018, Week 2
Renaissance Diplomacy

Renaissance
Resident Ambassador
Immunities
Ceremony
Italy (12th – 15th centuries)

Rome - Venice, Florence, Milan, Genoa

division, rivalry

balance, alliances, embassies

modern diplomacy

The Crusades (4th), baiulus
Florence

The Jubilee (1300)

“the Fifth element”

Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio

Francesco Guicciardini

Niccolò Machiavelli, *Il Principe* (The Prince)
Venice (The Serenissima)

Byzantium

“a school, a diplomatic workshop”

system and organization

Enrico Dandolo, 4th Crusade (Zara)

The Levant
Venice (The Serenissima)

The *Signoria*

official representants

doctors, merchants, monks

“*amis fidèles*”

Italian banks
The Venetian diplomatic system regulations (s. 13th cent.)
gifts, accounts, registered
spouse, cook
self-ruin, debts
honorable duty, *baiulus*
Ambassador (ingredients)

linguist
pleasant
hospitable
taste
patient
imperturbable
private life
tolerant
triumphs
The Venetian diplomatic system

length of mission

reporting

*avvisi*

the best informed court

cryptography
The Venetian diplomatic system

“relazioni”

directives

chaos and disorder

logic and rigor

European diplomacy
Niccolò Machiavelli

*Il Principe* (The Prince)

“be prepared to act immorally when this becomes necessary”

“if a ruler wishes to reach his highest goals, he will not always find it rational to be moral”