“Everybody’s business”: A brief history of diplomacy

Fall 2018, Week 4
The Old Diplomacy
Evolution of Theory
Foreign Ministries
The Congress of Vienna
The Golden Age
The Congress in Vienna (1814-1815)

Protocol, precedence
http://w03.international.gc.ca/Protocol-Protocole/Ambassador-Ambassadeur.aspx?lang=eng

rank and the date of presentation of credentials

The *Réglement sur le Rang entre les agents Diplomatiques*

Vienna Convention on Diplomatic

HS, HG, PM, FM
Security not vengeance (1814-1815)

Russia, Britain, Prussia, Austria, (France)

Chaumont (9 March 1814) (victory/security, 20 yrs)

Paris (30 May 1814) (1792, Vienna)

Waterloo (18 June 1815)

Paris (20 Nov 1815) (1790)
“conquerors and conquered”

Metternich, Chancellor of Austria

Tsar Alexander

Castlereagh, FM of Britain

Talleyrand, FM of France (1797-1807)

“Austria is Europe’s House of Lords: so long as it is not dissolved, it will keep the Commons in check.” (Talleyrand)
The Concert of Europe

Vienna (October 1814 - June 1815)

The Final Act (signed 9 June 1815)
121 articles (Gentz)

Great Powers (UK, Russia, A, Prussia, F)

unaltered (40 yrs), no general conflagration (100 yrs)

permanent institutional device, balance of power
The Concert of Europe

conferences

The Holy Alliance (26 Sep 1815)  
(“justice, Christian charity and peace”)  
(Briand-Kellogg, 1928)

the Quadruple Alliance (20 Nov 1815) regular meetings

the conference system

Aix-la-Chapelle (1818), Carlsbad (1819), Troppau (1820)
Balance of power (Great Powers)

major wars, peace and security, revenge, equilibrium
Continuity and Changes, Challenges

Carl von Clausewitz (*On War*, 1832)
“war is ... a continuation of political activity by other means.”

The Crimean War (1853-1856)
Treaty of Paris (1856), revisions

Italy (1859) and Germany (1870)
Otto von Bismarck, *Realpolitik*, Berlin

the Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy)
The Triple Entente (France, Britain, Russia)
The Whitehall (FCO)
HM Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

bef. 1782, King’s Secretary, Northern and Southern Depts
March 1782, Charles James Fox – Sec’y of State

Whitehall (1 July 1868); only 17 FSs
Paris, Vienna, St Petersburg, Constantinople and Brussels amalgamation

the Commonwealth Office (1966)
the FCO (1968)
The Quai d’Orsay

Louis de Révol (1589), “secretary of state”
Versailles, the Quai d’Orsay (s. 1853)

dépot des archives (1688)
bureau topographique (1775)
bureau géographique (1780)
ciphering and deciphering department (1764)

No longer any activity that is not of interest to diplomats
Global diplomatic order

Euro- and US-centric ideologies

more assertive diplomacy, abandoned restraints

the Monroe Doctrine (1823)

Gunboat diplomacy

“opening up” of China, Japan, unequal treaties

http://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/monroe.asp
Gunboat diplomacy

“opening up” of China, Japan
unequal treaties
extorted diplomatic representation, commercial concessions,
treaty ports
deep grievances

American “naval pressure” on Japan (1853-4)
Commodore Perry - showing the flag, opening the doors of commerce, spreading “civilization” (8 July 1853 Edo)
Kobe/Yokohama