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Luigi Nuzzo (Salento) delivered an opening keynote lecture on ‘*Die Antike kennt uns nicht*. Rethinking the History of International Law of the 18th Century’. This was followed by a panel on diplomatic training, chaired by Milos Vec (Vienna). Papers were given by Zülal Muslu (Paris Ouest Nanterre, ‘Language and Power: the Spread of European Diplomatic Culture in the Ottoman Empire through the ‘École des jeunes de langues’), Dante Fedele (KULeuven, ‘La formation diplomatique dans la littérature sur l’ambassadeur et l’art de négociier [fin XVII^e–début XVIII^e siècle]’), Annika Hass (Saarland/EPHE, ‘Librairie internationale et diplomatie [1789–1830]’) and Raphael Cahen (VUB/FWO, ‘Hauterive et l’École des Diplomates’).

A second session was presided over by Christine Lebeau (Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne) and featured papers from Benjamin Durst (Augsburg, ‘Gedruckte Vertragssammlungen als Medien des Völkerrechts in Theorie und Praxis’), Stephan F. Mai (Vienna, ‘Diplomatic Immunity between Theory and Practice: Abraham de Wicquefort [1606–1682] as a Case Study’), Frederik Dhondt (Brussels, Antwerp and Ghent/FWO, ‘A Pragmatic Utopian ? Saint-Pierre’s Vision on Perpetual Peace and its Practical Legal Background in Regency Diplomacy’), and Alice Bairoch de Sainte-Marie (Geneva, ‘La conception des devoirs du négociateur en Nouvelle-France: héritage métropolitain ou cas particulier?’).

Milos Vec (Vienna) delivered the second keynote lecture of the conference (‘A Golden Key Can Open Any Door: The Longue Durée of 18th Century Law of Nature and of Nations’). A third and final panel on the ‘transformation of the Law of Nations’, presided by Luigi Nuzzo (Salento) featured papers by Patrick Milton (FU Berlin, ‘The Guarantee of the Peace of Westphalia in the Law of

Nations and its Impact on European Diplomacy'), Elisabetta Fiocchi Malaspina (Zürich, 'Trans-Forming the Law of Nations: the Case of the 18th Century Italian Peninsula') and Victor Simon (Reims, 'La dignité impériale des rois de France en Orient: titulatures et traductions dans la diplomatie franco-ottomane'). The acts of the conference will appear as a special issue of the *Journal of the History of International Law/Revue d'histoire du droit international*.