

International Scientific Conference
**Parliamentary diplomacy –
in theory and practice**

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PROGRAMME

Date & Venue: 24 March 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Venue: Dvorana bl. Alojzije Stepinac, HKS, Ilica 244
Host: Bernarda Krizmanić, Catholic University of Croatia
8:30-9:00 Registration.

9:00 – 9:15 OPENING AND GREETINGS

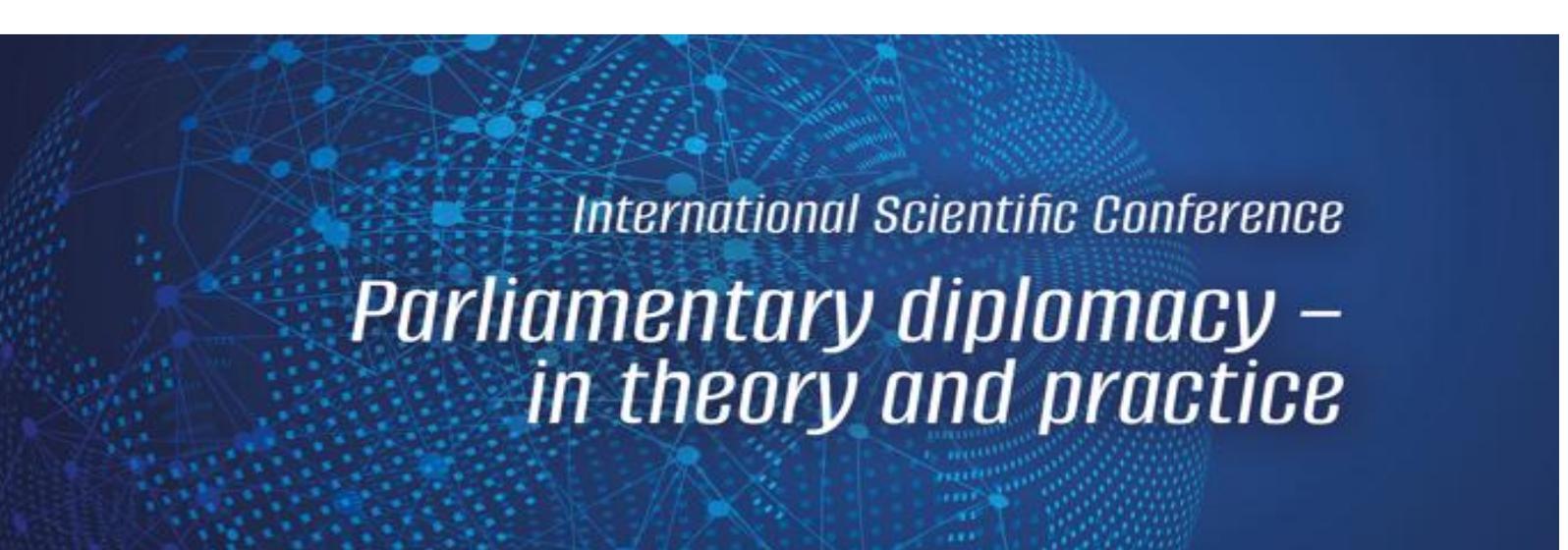
Rector of the Catholic University of Croatia, Professor Željko Tanjić
Vice-rector of the Catholic University of Croatia, Professor Jasna Ćurković-Nimac

9:15-10:30 PANEL 1: Parliamentary Diplomacy: Conceptual Framework and Lessons from Regional Cooperation Formats

Moderator: Ms. Karla Ressler (Assistant at the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Croatia)

- Professor Beata Piskorska (Centre for the Study of Diplomacy KUL, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin) – *Parliamentary Diplomacy as a New Dimension of Contemporary Foreign Policy – introductory remarks*
- Professor Agnieszka Orzelska-Stączek (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences) – *Shaping Regional Cooperation through Parliamentary Diplomacy: The Case of the Three Seas Initiative*
- Associate Professor Vlatka Vukelić (Faculty of Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb) – *Historical Development of the Three Seas Initiative: From the Amber Road to a Contemporary Geopolitical Paradigm*
- Dr Michał Dworski (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin) – *Parliamentary Diplomacy during the Cold War: Case Studies of Exiled Parliamentary Structures from Central and Eastern European Nations*
- Dr Daniel Markovič (Catholic University in Ružomberok) – *Digital Transformation and Social Annotation: Emerging Human-Centric Challenges for Parliamentary Diplomacy in the AI Era*

10:30-10:45 Coffee break



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10:45-12:00 PANEL 2: Parliamentary Diplomacy as a Component of Modern Diplomacy

Moderator: Associate Professor Petra Palić, Catholic University of Croatia

- Associate Professor Vladimir Filipović (Faculty of International Relations and Diplomacy at Libertas International University in Zagreb) – *Problems of Fragmented Parliaments and Parliamentary Diplomacy*
- Assistant Professor Jakov Žižić (Department of Communication Science, Catholic University of Croatia) – *Croatian parliamentary diplomacy and achieving of Croatian independence*
- Associate Professor Kristian Turkalj (Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Croatia) – *Parliamentary Diplomacy as a Component of Accession Process of Candidate Countries*
- Assistant Professor Boško Picula (Faculty of Political Science of the University of Zagreb) – *The Croatian Parliament, Foreign Policy, and Parliamentary Diplomacy in the 21st Century: Between a Secondary Role and Constitutional Norms*

12:00-12:30 Summary and conclusion

12:30 Coffee and refreshments

Practical information:

Language: English (no translation provided)

Participation: By invitation only