Rethinking the Peace of Utrecht
International Workshop
University of Osnabrück, 5-7 May 2011

In 2013-2014 the tercentenary commemoration of the signing of the Treaties of Utrecht and Rastatt, which concluded the War of the Spanish Succession, will take place. In the context of several activities organized by the city and province of Utrecht, a series of three conferences aims at reassessing the nature and significance of the Peace of Utrecht: starting with an exploring workshop in Osnabrück, followed by two conferences in Madrid 2012 and Utrecht 2013.

The treaties marked the close of forty years of warfare, in which many of the major European states were involved: France, Britain, Spain, the Dutch Republic, the Holy Roman Empire, Savoy and Portugal, it is said to have restored the 'Balance of Power' in Europe and once again ended the wars of religion of the seventeenth century. The Peace of Utrecht also, however, opened a phase in which the global context became increasingly dominant in European politics. The workshop aims to reassess the peace negotiations in a wider context of political and cultural history, exploring the effects and influences of an emerging public of printing press, of mutual perceptions, religious ideologies, semantics, image making and representations on diplomacy and politics in an closer growing web of global intertwinnings.

Thursday, 5 May 2011

Arrival
16.30: Welcome Coffee at the University Library Osnabrück
17.00: Guided City Tour: Osnabrück and the Peace of Westphalia (Thomas Vogtherr)
19.00: Dinner

Friday, 6 May 2011

09.15: Introduction: Inken Schmidt-Voges / Ana Crespo Solana / David Onnekink
09.45-10:30: Part I: Empires, Moderation: David Onnekink
Guy Rowlands (University): The latter Reign of Louis XIV
Christopher Storrs (Dundee): Spain under Carlos II and Philip V
Ana Crespo Solana (Madrid): The Spanish Empire and the break of the trading colonial system.
Klaas van Gelder (Gent): Habsburg and the Austrian Netherlands
10:30-11:00: Discussion
11.00-11.30: Coffee / Tea Break
11.30-13.00: Discussion
13:00-14.30: Lunch Break

14:30-15:15: Part II: Identities, Moderation Ana Crespo Solana

*Inken Schmidt-Voges* (Osnabrück): The Reverberations of Peace: Utrecht and the Holy Roman Empire

*David Onnekink* (Utrecht): International diplomacy and the War of the Spanish Succession

*Olaf van Nimwegen* (Utrecht): The Military Revolution

*Paola Bianchi* (Aosta): The Italian Army & Wars

15:15-16:30: Discussion

16:30-17:00: Coffee / Tea Break

17:00-18:00: Presentation Renger de Bruin: Museum exhibition 2013

19.00: Dinner

Saturday, 7 May 2011

9:00-9:45: Part III: Peace & Conflict, Moderation: Inken Schmidt-Voges

*Tony Claydon* (Bangor/Wales): Political discourse & religion in England

*Sugiko Nishikawa* (Tokyo): Religious International Networks

*Michael Rohrschneider* (Salzburg): National prejudices and peace-negotiations 1648-1713

*Manuel Herrero Sánchez* (Sevilla): Dutch-Hispanic Rapoachment in the general context (1648-1699)

9:45-11:00: Discussion

11:00-11:30: Coffee / Tea Break

11.30-13:00: Discussion of Results, Schedule for preparing the articles and the papers of the Madrid Conference 7-9 June 2012

13.00: Lunch and Departure

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