

[Byzantine diplomacy: The elixir of longevity](#)

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Byzantine diplomacy was the key to this empire's long survival. After the fall of Rome in 476, the Byzantine Empire tried to continue Rome's tradition and restore its glory, but without the power of the Roman Empire, it had to turn to diplomacy to a greater extent.

The radius of the Byzantine Empire required geographically broad diplomatic coverage - from China and India in the east, to the Atlantic Ocean in the west, and from the interior of Africa to the steppes of the Black Sea. Extending over this vast territory and surrounded by the hostile tribes of the Balkans, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, Byzantine diplomacy had to use sophisticated techniques to keep everything under control.

The Byzantine period was probably one of the **most important periods in the history of diplomacy**. It was the bridge between the diplomacy of the ancient era and modern diplomacy. The Byzantine Empire absorbed experiences and diplomatic practices from ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome, and passed them on to our time via Venice, and the Renaissance diplomacy of Italy.

Join us for a discussion on Byzantine diplomacy and its legacy, with Prof. Jovan Kurbalija, on **Thursday, May 27th, at 14:00 CEST**. This lecture is a part of a series [Diplomacy and Technology: A historical journey](#)

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