



INVITATION

The **Institute of Historical Studies** of the Faculty of Humanities of the Eötvös Loránd University
and the **Institute of History of ELTE Research Centre for the Humanities**
would like to invite you to the

International Scientific Conference
entitled

The Society of Prince Francis II Rákóczi
European Princes, Statesmen, Diplomats, Military Leaders, and Hungary at the Beginning of the 18th Century

7-9 October 2026

Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest / French Institute, Budapest

Wednesday, October 7

(Faculty of Humanities [Building A, Room 039 – “Kari Tanácsterem” [Council Hall]])

15:30 Registration

16:00 Welcome and Introduction: **Antal Molnár, Nóra G. Etényi and Ferenc Tóth (Eötvös Loránd University)**

16:30 Panel 1

Chair: **Antal Molnár (Eötvös Loránd University)**

Lothar Höbelt (Universität Wien)

“A species of miracle” amongst a Sea of Troubles. The Darkening Horizon of the Habsburgs in 1710–13

Guido Braun (Université de Haute-Alsace)

Le Saint-Siège comme acteur des relations internationales et l’Europe centrale au début du XVIIIe siècle

Jean-Marie Le Gall (Université de Paris-I Panthéon-Sorbonne)

Les rencontres princières dans une Europe en guerre : 1700-1721

18:00 Cultural program

Thursday, October 8

(Faculty of Humanities [Building A, Room 039 – “Kari Tanácsterem” [Council Hall]])

9:00 Panel 2

Chair: **Gábor Gángó (Eötvös Loránd University – University of Erfurt)**

Géraud Poumarède (Sorbonne Université)

La République de Venise et la guerre d’indépendance hongroise

Serkan Keçeci (Dokuz Eylül University)

Prince Francis II Rákóczi between Empires: Ottoman– Russian Rivalry and the Politics of Exile in Early Eighteenth-Century Europe

János Kalmár (Eszterházy Károly Catholic University)

La révolte de Rákóczi et les pays protestants

György Kurucz (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)

Rebels or Confederates? Rákóczi’s Freedom Fight and the English Mediation in 1706

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Panel 3

Chair: **György Kurucz (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)**

Gábor Gángó (Eötvös Loránd University – University of Erfurt)

Leibniz, the European Balance of Powers, and the Uprising of Francis II Rákóczi

Brigitta Kinga Schvéd (Ludovika University of Public Service)

The Habsburg Monarchy, the Kingdom of Hungary, and the European Balance of Power in Early Eighteenth-Century English Political Discourse

Réka Horváth (Eötvös Loránd University)

“I hope this Conference will have a better success than these we have hitherto had”: The Foreign Policy Perspectives of Rákóczi’s War of Independence during The Hague and Geertruidenberg Peace Negotiations in Printed and Manuscript News

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 Panel 4

Chair: **Gábor Kármán (Eötvös Loránd University)**

Balázs Rigó (Eötvös Loránd University)

James II – From the Exclusion Crisis to the Exile

Éva Gyulai (University of Miskolc)

From Reckheim to Belgrade: The Career of Count Ferdinand Gobert of Asprenont-Lynden (c. 1645–1708) in the Service of the Habsburgs and the Rákóczi Family

Anna Fundárková (Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Sciences)

Johann Pálffy am Wiener Kaiserhof: Patronage, politische Netzwerke und Karriere im Rákóczi-Aufstand

Katalin Pataki (Eötvös Loránd University)

The “Remittance Corridors” of French subsidies during the Rákóczi Uprising

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Panel 5

Chair: **Guido Braun (Université de Haute-Alsace)**

Adam Wołoszyn – Tomasz Ciesielski (University of Opole)

Józef Potocki (1673–1751): In the Military and Diplomatic Service of King Stanisław I, Francis II Rákóczi, and His Own Ambition. The Unfortunate Emigration Adventure of a Polish Magnate in the years 1709–1714

Attila Tokai (Eötvös Loránd University)

The Picture of Ivan Mazepa’s Foreign Policy in Ukrainian and Russian Historiography

István Czigány (Institute and Museum of Military History)

Die Chancen des Rákóczi-Freiheitskampfes zwischen den europäischen Kriegsschauplätzen 1703–1711

Friday, October 9

(French Institute, Auditorium)

9:00 Welcome and introduction: **His Excellency Jonathan Lacôte (French Embassy in Hungary)** and **Ferenc Tóth (Eötvös Loránd University)**

9:15 Panel 6

Chair: **Béatrice Guion (Université de Strasbourg)**

Émilien Schirm (Nantes Université)

Fortune et agrandissement des princes de Brunswick-Lunebourg : exemple d’une ascension parmi la société des princes

Szabolcs Hursán (Institute of Hungarian Research)

Hidden Ties – The Relationship of Eleonore Baththyány-Strattmann and Prince Francis II Rákóczi

Hajnalka Forgách (University of Szeged)

Connections between the Families Rákóczi and Ghyczy

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Panel 7

Chair: **Lothar Höbelt (Universität Wien)**

Stefan Lemny (Bibliothèque Nationale de France)

Démétrius Cantemir et François II Rákóczi : affinités et dissonances intellectuelles

Szonja Schmidt (University of Szeged)

A Scholar and Interpreter in the Service of the Rákóczi Exile: Ibrahim Müteferrika’s Manuscript Works Preserved in Istanbul and European Archives

Kornél Nagy (Eötvös Loránd University)

A Bishop in a “Mess”. Oxendio Virziresco and Rákóczi’s War of Independence

Péter Kónya (University of Prešov)

Preis des Friedens. Kapitulationsdokumente der königlichen Freistädte in Oberungarn in der Zeit des Rákóczis Befreiungskrieges

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 Panel 8

Chair: **Barbara Mahlmann (Universität Bern)**

Jean Garapon (Nantes Université)

Visages de Rákóczi lors de son séjour parisien, selon la Confessio peccatoris

Gábor Tüskés (Eötvös Loránd University)

The Remembering Self: The Staging of “T” in the Self-Narratives of Francis II Rákóczi

László Takács (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)

The Transformation of Authorial Conception across the Books of the Confessio peccatoris

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Panel 9

Chair: **Ferenc Tóth (Eötvös Loránd University)**

Jean de Saint Blanquat (École Pratique des Hautes Études)

« Comme la guerre initiée par François Rákóczi rendait bien difficile le sort des veuves et des orphelins ... » L'ombre de la guerre d'indépendance dans l'autobiographie de Kata Bethlen

Stanislava Moyšová – Miroslav Daniš (Comenius University Bratislava)

La représentation de la guerre d'indépendance de François II Rákóczi dans la littérature slovaque et la tradition orale du XVIIIe siècle

Béatrice Guion (Université de Strasbourg)

Vies parallèles : images de François II Rákóczi et des princes exilés de l'Est dans la France des Lumières

Closing remarks

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