

Embassies in Crisis

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Call for papers

Embassies have long been integral to international diplomacy, their staff instrumental to inter-governmental dialogue, strategic partnerships, trading relationships and cultural exchange. But Embassies are also discrete political spaces. Notionally sovereign territory 'immune' from local jurisdiction, in moments of crisis Embassies have often been targets of protest and sites of confrontation. *Embassies in Crisis* will revisit flashpoints in the lives of Embassies overseas. Approaching Embassies as distinct communities with their own micro-histories, this conference seeks to explore each of these aspects in the lives of Embassies and the people who run them. Papers are welcomed that discuss instances of international confrontation or mass demonstration, past and present, that placed particular Embassies in the global spotlight.

Organised by the Universities of Exeter and Strathclyde in conjunction with the FCO Historians and the British International History Group, the conference will be held at the British Academy on 9 June 2016. This one-day conference will combine academic papers with a seminar session at which serving and former Embassy staff will be invited to present their testimonies and perspectives. The intention is to present a summary of the conference findings to the FCO to help inform future thinking in this area.

Limited support is available to help cover the costs of travel and accommodation of those presenting papers.

Those interested in contributing a paper are asked to provide a title and 200 word abstract to:

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Deadline: 15 April 2016

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