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Luigi Nuzzo (Salento) delivered an opening keynote lecture on ‘Die Antike kennt uns nicht. Rethinking the History of International Law of the 18th Century’. This was followed by a panel on diplomatic training, chaired by Milos Vec (Vienna). Papers were given by Zülal Muslu (Paris Ouest Nanterre, ‘Language and Power: the Spread of European Diplomatic Culture in the Ottoman Empire through the ‘École des jeunes de langues’’), Dante Fedele (KULeuven, ‘La formation diplomatique dans la littérature sur l’ambassadeur et l’art de négoçier [fin XVIIe–début XVIIIe siècle]’), Annika Hass (Saarland/EPHE, ‘Librairie internationale et diplomatie [1789–1830]’) and Raphael Cahen (VUB/FWO, ‘Hauterive et l’École des Diplomates’).
