



# LUND UNIVERSITY

“With blessings and well-wishes.”

## The Swedish diplomats’ micro-mobility during the early decades of the 18th century

Forsberg, Emma

2023

*Document Version:*

Publisher's PDF, also known as Version of record

[Link to publication](#)

*Citation for published version (APA):*

Forsberg, E. (2023). “With blessings and well-wishes.”: *The Swedish diplomats’ micro-mobility during the early decades of the 18th century*. Abstract from 5th Conference of the New Diplomatic History Network.  
<https://sites.utu.fi/ndh/abstracts/>

*Total number of authors:*

1

### General rights

Unless other specific re-use rights are stated the following general rights apply:

Copyright and moral rights for the publications made accessible in the public portal are retained by the authors and/or other copyright owners and it is a condition of accessing publications that users recognise and abide by the legal requirements associated with these rights.

- Users may download and print one copy of any publication from the public portal for the purpose of private study or research.
- You may not further distribute the material or use it for any profit-making activity or commercial gain
- You may freely distribute the URL identifying the publication in the public portal

Read more about Creative commons licenses: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/>

### Take down policy

If you believe that this document breaches copyright please contact us providing details, and we will remove access to the work immediately and investigate your claim.

LUND UNIVERSITY

PO Box 117  
221 00 Lund  
+46 46-222 00 00

## **PANEL 2.3.2: *Embassies, Ministries, Diplomatic spaces 3***

### **“With blessings and well-wishes.” The Swedish diplomats’ micro-mobility during the early decades of the 18<sup>th</sup> century**

**Emma Forsberg**, Lund University, [emma.forsberg@hist.lu.se](mailto:emma.forsberg@hist.lu.se)

For a long time, international relations and diplomacy heavily relied on the mobility of diplomats. As a result, their practices, experiences, and period-specific norms were formed and created around these spaces. Today scholarship on diplomatic places, sites and institutions has broadened our knowledge of how diplomacy functioned through its history. Earlier research has shown that from the peace of Westphalia in 1648, diplomatic practices transformed and entered a professionalisation process, formed in tandem with physical diplomatic practices and theoretical diplomatic writings.

This paper will place itself in the middle of this process during the early decades of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and focus on the Swedish diplomats abroad. By analysing two reports of diplomatic audiences, this paper will discuss something this author has termed micro-mobility, the movement within a situated diplomatic space, and how this space was used for displays of power and friendship from both the attendee and the host. A restrictive diplomatic architecture can be seen through how historical actors managed access within a specific space. It is, however, only through the analysis of the diplomats’ movements within this space that we can understand the ritualistic properties and practices expected and enacted. Therefore, this paper will aim to answer the question; How did the diplomats navigate the diplomatic spaces they encountered?

### **“Britain’s Mobile Legation in Japan, 1865-67”**

**Michael Trull**, Cardiff University, [trullmj@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:trullmj@cardiff.ac.uk)