François de Callières: A Political Life
Laurence Pope

François de Callières (1645-1717) is the author of *On Negotiating with Sovereigns*, an iconic work on diplomacy which has rarely if ever been out of print in English translation since it was first published in 1716. Based largely on previously undiscovered archival materials, this biography traces his long political career, from a first clandestine mission to Poland in 1670 to his advocacy of the failed Franco-Jacobite invasion of Scotland in 1708. It documents the practice of the historical Callières, in contrast to the high-minded theory of *On Negotiating with Sovereigns*.

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Laurence Pope, a retired American ambassador, is the editor of *Letters (1694-1700)* of François de Callières to the Marquise d’Huxelles, in collaboration with William S. Brooks (Mellen, 2004).

“François de Callières is one of the most important figures in the history of diplomatic thought and Laurence Pope, who is in the first rank of scholar-diplomats, has produced a biography worthy of him. It is impeccably researched, rich in absorbing detail, comprehensive in its account of his subject’s activities (literary as well as diplomatic), shrewd in its judgements, and written with considerable verve. I enjoyed it immensely.”
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