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GIANCARLO POIDOMANI, Un inglese a Roma. L'Ambasciatore britannico Sir James Rennell Rodd e l'Italia in guerra, 1914-1919

Sir James Rennell Rodd was one of the most important British ambassadors between the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth century. He was active in Berlin, Athens, Cairo and Stockholm. After the crisis of Bosnia Herzegovina and until 1919, Rodd led the British embassy in Rome in a crucial period for Italy. Rodd disagreed from the Foreign Office line which attributed little importance to Italy and he thought it was necessary to link Italian interests more closely to the British ones. In his Italian experience, he proved himself as a great diplomat, playing a key role in the consolidation and in the choice of the Italian government to enter the war alongside Great Britain and France. The analysis of his activity throws a new light on Italian-British diplomatic relations in the liberal age.

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