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## **NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT WIDENING BORDERS OF DUBROVNIK THROUGH THE VIEW OF POWER RELATIONS**

### **Abstract**

The people of Dubrovnik adjusted the selection of people, whom they sent the emissaries for negotiations about widening the borders, to their current social position. While trying to realize expansionist plans they acknowledged traditional system of the medieval world, but not always without exceptions. Although they were legalists, they did not hesitate in departing from customs established long time ago, especially when their vital interests were endangered. Widening strategy showed that city authorities appreciated and tried to notice and use changes in power relations in order to achieve as much as they could in the existing circumstances.

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