

# Pyla Blah

## Lecture 22: Thirty Years War Part I

Nature of the period of peace

- Pax Hispanica (1558-1621)

4 phases:

- Bohemian (1618-25)

- Danish (25-29)

- Swedish (30-35)

- Franco-Spanish (35-48) ← 12 yr truce ends

Alongside - Spain vs. Dutch (1621-48)

Many facets:

religious struggle

political/dynastic

Constitution

Economic

Imperial

The war begets war

### Bohemian - Palatinate War

- Ferd II HRE - ultra Jesuit cranks down on Bohemian Protestantism

- ↳ ⇒ Def. of Prague

- ↳ Frederick V elector king of Bohemia - Ferd II takes it back w/ Maximilian of Bavaria @ Battle of White Mountain

### Struggle to keep the Peace

- Continental war way NOT inevitable

- Leaders sought towards peace

- King James I/VI → son of law, Frederick V

- Jones isn't successful

- emphasis on an Anglo-Spanish match  
↳ solve Palatinate problem

### Convergence of Conflicts

↳ HRE - consequent conflict

↳ Dutch + Spanish

↳ French + Spanish

↳ Rise of the Baltics

### Changing views

↳ All about hawkish leaders rising ⇒  
Spain almost didn't help

### Spanish diplomats

↳ None precipitate conflict, bar down to King

### Fall of Lerna - 1618

↳ diplomats/viceroy convince king that Lerna  
should retire

↳ shift to more hawkish FP.

Valignano & Fantuzzi

- 1598-1612 - Lerna in control

- 1612-1618 - Lerna contested

- 1618-1621 - Uceda control w/ help

- 1621-43 - Olmeca in control

### Philip III

↳ trying to broker peace

↳ Almost doesn't intervene in 1619-21

Various diplomats - barely able to convince him to authorize  
\$, troops, bare involvement

Don Diego Sarmiento de Acuña, Count of Gondomar

- ↳ Most powerful of the diplomats
- ↳ Tries to keep James/England neutral
- ↳ "War with all the world, peace w/ England"

Twelve Years Truce (1609-1621)

- if Spanish + Dutch go back to war, what does England do?
- 1621 - Philip III dies, Philip IV has Oliver  
- Archduke Albert dies - now do by predicted peace
- Prince Maurice of Nassau - war party  
- in control - 1619-25
- Infanta Isabel - still governor of Low Countries  
- renewed struggle to keep the peace

Gondomar befriends Prince Charles

- Marriage alliance w/ Philip III's youngest daughter
- Gondomar close to Buckingham (James' favorite)

New Generation of War like leaders

- Ferdinand II
- Frederick V
- Maurice & war party
- Philip IV
- Louis XIII
- Charles I
- Gustavus Adolphus
- Richelieu

Philip IV favorite - Conde-Duque de Olivares

"Jack and Tom" trip to Madrid - 1623

- They take the court by storm
- Philip IV stops court abruptly early on
- People in Madrid think they're here to court

Prince Charles + the Infanta

↳ Charles is loverish

↳ limited tolerance of Catholics in England

Anti-Spanish + Anti-Catholicism in England + Low Countries

La Leyenda Negra

↳ Black legend of Spanish cruelty

↳ Confirmed & exploded

Head of Spanish forces - Ambrosio Spínola

↳ Early Spanish victory

- Jülich

- Relief of Genoa

- Palatinate

- Fleurus

- Surrender of Breda

- recapture of Bahic

1625 - James I/VI DIES

- Succeeded by Charles I

- Spain goes back to war w/ England - 1625-1630

- Charles I gets up @ war w/ France AND Spain

## Danish Phase of the 30 Years War - 1625-29

- just when it seems Catholics have won, Denmark gets involved
- Christian IV of Denmark checks out - Catholic win
- Loss to 2 Catholic armies
  - Tilly et. al.
  - Wallenstein + Imperial forces
- 1629 - Edict of Restitution
  - reverts Catholic + Habsburg control
  - freaks out princes of the empire
  - looks like Ferdinand II is becoming master of Europe
- What happens?
  - Princes force emperor to back down + fire Wallenstein

## Swedish Phase - 1630-35

- Gustavus Adolphus
- turns everything on its head - much more awful war