



SORGO'S ITALIAN NETWORK The Ramifications Based on His Vienna Journal

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Sorgo's journal

- September 1781 – February 1782
- Incomplete
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The Italian network

WHY?

- The Republic of Dubrovnik's official language – Latin, Tuscan
- The language of schooling – Tuscan
- The language of the people – Illiric (Croatian, a local idiolect)
- The cultural and economic liaisons with the Italian peninsula
- The peculiar relationship with the Serenissima



Sorgo's role in the Republic

- Entered the Grand Council in 1752
- From 1756 until 1763 probably abroad for schooling (in Rome in 1756-59)
- Engaged in various offices of the Republic since 1763
- Senator, Criminal court judge, Superintendant of Health/Education/Accounts/Theatre etc.
- Special envoy to Vienna in 1781



Italian envoys in Vienna in 1781

- Count Pietro Giuseppe Graneri (1730-1718) – special envoy of the Kingdom of **Sardinia**
- Count Girolamo Luigi Durazzo (1739-1809) – special envoy of the Republic of **Genoa**
- Sebastiano Foscarini – ambassador of the Republic of **Venice**
- Marquis Ferrante de Sbarra Franciotti (1724-1813) – special envoy of the Republic of **Lucca**
- Marquis Antonio Maria Frosini (1751-1834) – envoy of the Duchy of **Modena** and **Reggio**
- Prince Paolo 5th de Sangro (1746-1815) – ambassador of the Kingdom of **Naples**
- Marquis Tommaso Maria Somma di Circello (1737-1826) – envoy of the Kingdom of **Naples**



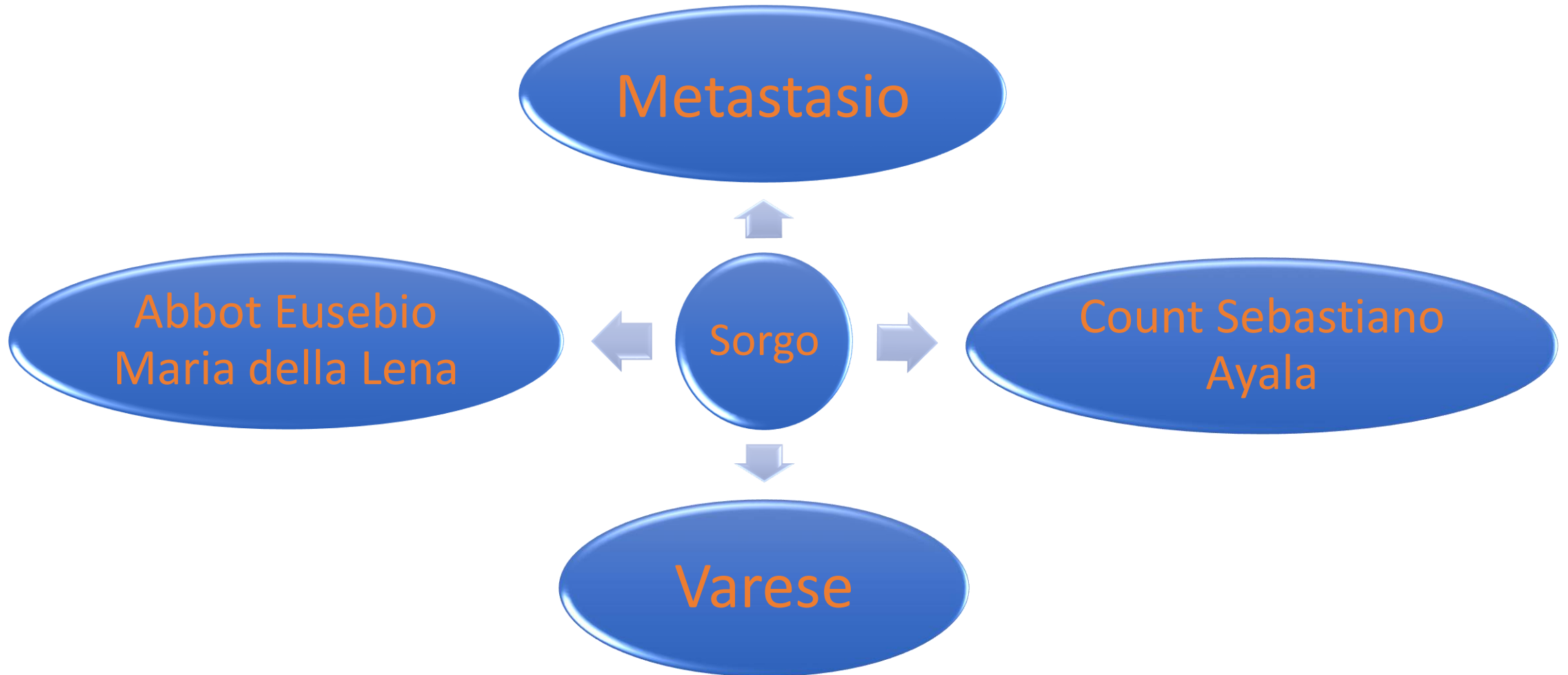
Envoys of the Papal States

- **Giuseppe Garampi** (1725-1792) – apostolic nuncio in Poland and then in Vienna, cardinal from 1785
- **Lorenzo Caleppi** (1741-1817), auditor of the nuncio, cardinal from 1816

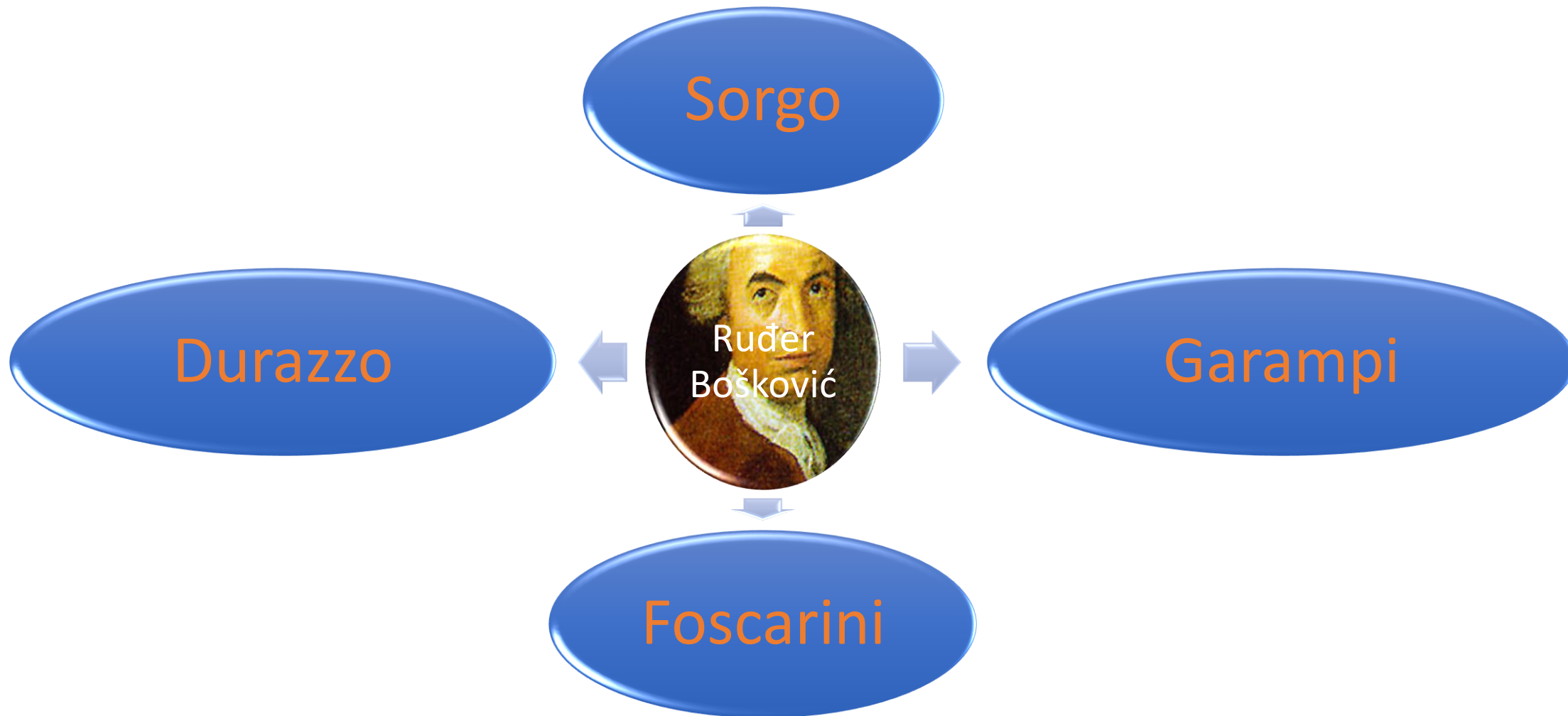
Also in Vienna, but not on a diplomatic mission:

- **Luigi Flangini** (1733-1804) – auditor of the Roman Rota, cardinal from 1798

Cultural liaisons within the journal



Political liaisons derived from the journal



Ruđer Bošković (1711-1787)



- The best-known Dubrovnik's native abroad. The centre of the Republic's network in Europe.
- Left Dubrovnik for Rome in 1725
- Sorgo is confirmed to have been in Rome from 1756-59, probably for schooling, with his brother Miho and under Bošković's supervision
- In Vienna from April 1757 until March 1758 on behalf of the Republic of Lucca
- In Paris from 1774 until 1782 - citizenship
- London, Istanbul, Warsaw, Pavia, Milano
- Member of the *Accademia di Arcadia*



Count Giacomo Durazzo (1717-1794)



- Director of the imperial theatres *Generalspektakeldirektor* in Vienna from 1754 to 1764.
- Promotor of Gluck and Cazabigi's reform of the *opera seria*
- **Varese** – unidentified character in Sorgo's journal – seems to have been **the private secretary** of count Giacomo Durazzo in Vienna, in Sorgo's company in 1781 in Vienna



The Durazzo family

- **Marcello Durazzo (1710-1791)** – Giacomo's brother, Doge of Genoa (1767-1769)
 - Banker, Bošković's friend and trustee
- **Girolamo (1719-1789)** – Giacomo's brother, gesuit priest, Bošković's friend
- **Girolamo Luigi (1739-18)** – Marcello's son, Giacomo's nephew
 - special envoy of the Republic of Genoa in Vienna (1781-1783) – Sorgo spends a lot of time in his company



The Garampi family

- **Giuseppe Garampi (1725-1792)** – apostolic nuncio in Poland and from 16th March 1776 in Vienna. Cardinal from 14th February 1785
 - Bošković's friend since the Fifties, Sorgo's protector in 1781
- Francesco Garampi, Giuseppe's brother, musician, scientist, Bošković's first teacher of astronomy
- Both linked to Rome in the Fifties and the nuncio to Vienna during Sorgo's stay.





Conclusion

- Sorgo was very well connected before going to Vienna.
- The Italian peninsula was the starting point for intellectuals from the Republic of Dubrovnik such as Benedikt Stay, Rajmund Kunić, Bošković, Šuljaga and many others.
- The Italian network is intertwined with the Austrian, Russian and Hungarian networks built before or during his stay in Vienna.
- It takes a very diversified interdisciplinary approach in order to connect all the threads within this network and we are merely beginning to uncover its full length, width and depth.



Thank you for your kind attention!

