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CA18129 - Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South, North of the Mediterranean (1350-1750)

CA18129 Internal Call for Participation

Deadline July 15 2019

Activity: Workshop

Working Group: 1

Title: *Dialogues in the Late Medieval Mediterranean: Methodological Encounters and (Dis)Encounters*

Date: January 27 2020

Place: Madrid (Spain)

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Abstract:

The aim of this workshop is to launch a methodological exchange forum to analyze the panorama of the late medieval Mediterranean from different and complementary perspectives. During the last years, an increased number of projects focused on the relations between East and West, Christianity and Islam or North Africa and Al-Andalus had emerged in the international scenario. In the framework of these current research projects, this workshop has been proposed to achieve two main objectives: to create a dialogue space to share the recent research results of these projects, as well as to establish new research networks integrated by senior and young researchers which allow the development of multidisciplinary research lines about the late Middle Ages.

Within this general framework, the main goal will be to analyze the Islamic cultural legacy in a comprehensive approach based on the discussion of **position papers** which should be focused on the most relevant aspects of the participants' research methodology in relation to the topic. In this way, the workshop promotes that senior and young researchers from the fields of History of Art, Architecture, History, Literature, Archaeology, Philosophy, Music, History of Religions and other related fields may present their research on the late medieval Mediterranean from a methodological point of view. According to the territorial and chronological restrictions, the main fields of study (but not limited to) will be those referring to the Islamic societies of this period: the Almoravids and the Almohads in North Africa and Al-Andalus; the Banū Ganīyya in Balearic Islands; the Normans in Sicily; the late Fatimid Caliphate, Zengids, Ayyubids and Mamluks in Orient; the Merinids in North Africa; the Nasrids in Granada and the Seljuks and early Ottomans in Anatolia. The Mudéjar manifestations will also be included, due to its nature, as well as other societies which maintain cultural relations with the aforementioned Islamic societies.

Proposals are encouraged to approach the study of these societies from a multidisciplinary perspective, as well as to give answer to any of the following questions:

- What were the contributions of these Islamic societies to the late medieval Mediterranean?
- What kind of relations existed among these different Mediterranean societies?
- How can be measured the influence of the artistic and cultural panorama of the Islamic world in the European one?



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- Are there any specific elements of these Islamic societies which were adopted by the Christian world? In which way?
- Are there any specific contributions of Western Islamic societies to the Eastern ones, or vice versa?
- Was the difference of religion an obstacle to the cultural dialogue between East and West during the late Middle Ages? Or, on the contrary, can be found some points in common in the cultural and artistic manifestations of this period between Christian and Islamic societies?

Deadline and details:

This call for papers is now open for those researchers who are interested to participate in the workshop. They are invited to submit their proposals with a title, an abstract (no more than 300 words) and a brief bio (maximum of 10 lines) to Dr María MARCOS COBALEDA (mmcobaleda@uma.es) and Dr Borja FRANCO LLOPIS (bfranco@geo.uned.es) before the next July 15 2019.

Once the proposals are accepted, the participants must send a position paper of 5 pages within a month before the event at the latest (December 27 2019). The position paper should discuss the most relevant aspects of the participants' research methodology in relation to the topic. The position papers will be discussed in the workshop from 10-minutes presentations in English.

Due to budgetary reasons, the number of reimbursed participants will be limited. A call for papers will also be open for researchers not yet affiliated to the Action.

Participants that have so far expressed interest on the activity before and after the WG's Kick-Off Meeting in Lisbon: Elizabeth Drayson, Ana Echevarría, Borja Franco, María Marcos Cobaleda, Shazia Jagot, Julie Marquer, Inés Monteiro, Elena Paulino, Gabriele Piricky, Dolores Villalva, Valentina Živković, and Mirko Sardelic.