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

## CA18129 Call for Participation

Activity: Conference

Working Group: 2

Title: *Handbook on the Later Crusades*

Date: 13-14 July 2021

Place: Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

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### Abstract:

In the last decades, research on the “Later Crusades” has increased significantly. As a result of this a new consensus among researchers has been reached which considers that the crusading movement did not stop after the year 1400. Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe continued to be profoundly influenced by crusading desires across denominational boundaries and through all levels of society. The impact became certainly less “visible” as the centuries after 1400 no longer saw the dispatch of large international armies that had the specific goal of liberating Jerusalem. Yet, apart from the still manifold military activities, the crusading discourse retained a powerful influence and it profoundly shaped not only the European but also the Muslim societies that responded with their own (re-)conceptualization of a holy or just war.

This conference is intended to help in the preparation of a “Handbook on the Later Crusades” which will summarize the findings of the last three decades and serve especially for teaching at universities. We wish to prepare the Handbook with six larger chapters, which each containing 4-5 specific subchapters of 20-25 pages in English. The structure is as follows:

- I. Spaces
- II. Actors
- III. Crusading plans
- IV. Reception
- V. The Muslim World
- VI. Events

We invite experts on specific themes within this array to submit an application for a subchapter. A subchapter for the Handbook should have its “individualistic” tones but mostly it ought to be a presentation of the current state of research and thus be based on secondary literature. It should give a reader without specialist knowledge an insight into the topic and an orientation.

We would like to especially encourage proposals and applications that would treat topics from the Muslim world, whose manifold reception of and reaction to the movement of the later crusades should be presented in substantial complexity within the forthcoming Handbook. Contributions can range from historiography, literature, works of art



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etc. We would particularly welcome interdisciplinary contributions and submissions treating art or music history, literature studies or the history of ideas.

A two-day conference about the Handbook is to be held in Frankfurt am Main (Germany) on July 13-14, 2021. The keynote lecture about 'Defining and delimiting the Later Crusades' will be given by Norman Housley on the evening of July 13.

Each participant will be asked to send a five-page working summary of their chapter that shall be enlarged after the conference to the final subchapter for the Handbook. These preliminary texts will then be sent to all participants and intensely debated at the conference. The objective is to finish these chapters until the end of 2021 and then publish the Handbook soon after. If the conference cannot take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be changed to an online-event and presumably spread over several days.

### **Deadline and details:**

This call for papers is now open for those researchers who are interested to participate in the conference. They are invited to submit their proposals with a title, an abstract (no more than 500 words) and a brief bio (maximum of 15 lines) before November 1, 2020 to: Dr. Magnus RESSEL ([ressel@em.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:ressel@em.uni-frankfurt.de)) or Dr. Emir O. FILIPOVIC ([emirofilipovic@gmail.com](mailto:emirofilipovic@gmail.com)).

### **Reimbursement of expenses:**

CA1829 might be able to reimburse travel and accommodation expenses to a limited number of researchers not yet affiliated to the Action. Applications should be submitted along with the proposals.

**More information:** please, see <https://is-le.eu/>