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

CA18129 IS-LE Final Conference

Deadline: April 25, 2023

Activity: Conference

Title: **CA18129 IS-LE Final Conference**

Date: 7 July 2023

Place: Istanbul (Turkey) Instituto Cervantes (tbc)

Scientific Coordinators: Antonio Urquizar-Herrera (Action Chair), Alicia Miguélez (Action Vice-Chair), Elena Paulino (Grant Holder Scientific Coordinator), Borja Franco (WG1 Leader), Emir Filipović (WG2 Leader), and Ivana Čapeta Rakić (WG3 Leader).

Cost Action IS-LE Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South, North of the Mediterranean (1350-1750)

CA18129 IS-LE is a research Cost Action funded by EU Cost Association H2020 which is based at the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Spain. This Action started in 2019 and its purpose has been to provide a transnational and interdisciplinary approach capable of overcoming the segmentation that has for long characterized the study of relations between Christianity and Islam in late medieval and early modern Europe and the Mediterranean. Over the last thirty years, some separate geographic and academic areas have been defined in this research field: the Iberian Peninsula, Italy, Central Europe and the Balkans, and Greece and the different islands of the Mediterranean. These different geographical areas have been analysed in isolation and have been further disjointed in a scientific context defined by the separation of disciplines and chronologies. The Action has tried to mitigate this academic distortion by creating a common space for scientific exchange and reflection. This space has involved institutions from 35 different European and Mediterranean countries as well as around 250 senior and junior researchers coming from different disciplines (history, history of art, philology, anthropology, social sciences, history of the science, politics, etc.). The creation of this network has helped to provide a comprehensive understanding of past relations between Christianity and Islam in the European context through the addressing of three main research problems: otherness, migration and borders. Beyond the strictly academic realm, the Action also has aimed at reviving diversity and Euro-Mediterranean relations in education, at a moment when Europe is at a cultural and political crossroads.

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After 4 years and six months of existence, CA18129 IS-LE will end next September 2023. As a closing activity, the Action has planned a one-day Final Conference that could put together a relevant number of the researchers and the countries that have been involved in it. Been based in Spain and having held its first meeting in Lisbon, the Action considers that Istanbul will be the most appropriate closing location. This Final Conference aims at revising the outcomes of the Action and its impact in the participants' research. Also, it will be an excellent opportunity to foster networking in the field and to devise new avenues for collaboration in the future. The academic program of the conference will consist of three panels of debate corresponding to the three working groups of the Action:

Panel 1 - The (imaginary) construction of the other. Chair: Borja Franco Llopis

The purpose of this WG has been to debate late medieval and early modern strategies for constructing religious, political and cultural otherness in the Mediterranean.



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- a) Anthropology and otherness: semantic discourses on the creation of the other.
- b) From text to image, from image to text.
- c) Material culture in the construction of the other.

Panel 2 - Migration and identity: National identities, local identities, religious identities. Chair: Emir Filipović

The purpose of this WG has been to spur debate on how migratory flows of Christians in Islamic territories, and vice-versa, influenced the shaping of the identities of the host peoples and immigrants during the Middle Ages and early modern period. This WG has looked at exile, expulsions, gender issues, and simple population movements.

- a) Soldiers, prisoners, converts, renegades and the expelled: permeability among moving groups.
- b) Trade and migration.
- c) Moving scriptures.

Panel 3 – Beyond borders. Chair: Ivana Čapeta Rakić

This WG has been responsible for debating the concept of borders, as well as their value and representation during the late Middle Ages and early modern period in the Mediterranean.

- a) The concept of border.
- b) The representation of borders.

How to take part in the conference?

CA18129 IS-LE Members and Participants who are interested in taking part in the Final Conference must provide (upon the application) a 1000 words paper addressing a research question related to one of the three panels. The paper should connect the applicant's own research to the debates held in any of the Action's activities (please find further information on them at <https://is-le.eu/activities/>) and intend a pan-European or pan-Mediterranean perspective. Papers will be commented and discussed by the panels' chairs to open a debate among the participants.

Deadline and applications:

This call for papers is open exclusively for CA18129 IS-LE Members and Participants. Both early career scholars and senior researchers are welcome, as are those working in different fields. Proposals must consist of a title and a panel affiliation, brief bio of 15 lines indicating the Actions activities in which the applicant has taken part, and the 1000 words paper to be discussed in the conference. Proposals should be sent to Antonio Urquizar-Herrera (aurquizar@geo.uned.es) before April 25, 2023. Feedback on the proposals will be provided before April 30.

Reimbursement of expenses:

CA1829 IS-LE will be able to reimburse travel and accommodation expenses to a limited number of accepted participants. Applications should be submitted along with the proposals.

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