

11h30-12h: Coffee Break

12h-14h: SESSION 5. The past in the Present

**Cristina Moreno-Almeida** (Queen Mary University of London). DigitalAlAndalus: Digital Al-Andalus: Radical Perspectives Of and Through Al-Andalus.

**Maribel Fierro** (ILC-CSIC). "La marca al-Andalus": understanding its ever-lasting appeal.

**Julio Escalona** (IH-CSIC). We don't need another hero. Teaching and learning history in the (late?) 21st century.

**Alejandro García-Sanjuán** (University of Huelva). Playing Old Identity Games with the Medieval Iberian Past. Local, National, and Global Approaches.

**Fernando Rodríguez Mediano** (ILC-CSIC). Why we write the history of Al-Andalus.

14h: Closure and Lunch



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# New Approaches to Mediterranean Studies

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## 27 November

9h00: Welcome/Introduction

9h15–11h30: SESSION 1. Challenging Boundaries

**Eduardo Manzano** (IH-CSIC). Identifying the Blocks that Build Global History in the Middle Ages.

**Alexandra Sapoznik** (King's College London). ECOMEDS: Economic and cultural connections within Mediterranean ecosystems c.1250–c.1550.

**Cédric Quertier** (CNRS-LAMOP (UMR 8589)). ECOMED: Mediterranean economies at the end of the Middle Ages (1350–1500): crises, reconstructions and restructurations.

**Alexandra Cuffel** (Ruhr-Universität Bochum). Jews and Christians in the East: Strategies of Interaction from the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean.

**Raúl Estangüi** (ILC-CSIC). Constructing Orthodoxy: The rise of a new ideological context in the Balkans at the end of the Middle Ages (XIVth–XVth centuries).

Debate

11h30–12h: Coffee Break

12h–13h30: SESSION 2. Entangled Histories

**Tara Andrews** (University of Vienna). RELEVEN: Re-evaluating the Eleventh Century through Linked Events and Entities.

**Leonor Peña-Chocarro** (IH-CSIC). MEDAPP: Medieval Appetites: food plants in multicultural Iberia (500–1100 CE).

**Alexandra Baneu** (Babes-Bolyai University). NOTA: Note-taking and Notebooks as Channels of Medieval Academic Dissemination across Europe.

Debate

13h30–15h: Lunch

15h–17h30: SESSION 3. Dealing with Diversities

**Juan Signes** (Complutense University of Madrid). Multilayer identity and mobility in Byzantium.

**Nikolas Bakirtzis** (The Cyprus Institute). Tracing the Making of Cultural Landscapes in the Islands of the Medieval and Early Modern Mediterranean.

**Yannis Stouraitis** (Edinburgh University). War and Collective Identities in the Middle Ages: East, West, and Beyond.

**Linda Gale Jones** (Pompeu Fabra University). Writing Religious, Transcultural, Gendered Identities and Alterities in the Medieval and Early Modern Mediterranean.

**Tijana Krstic** (Central European University). OTTOCONFESION: The Fashioning of a Sunni Orthodoxy and the Entangled Histories of Confession-Building in the Ottoman Empire, 15th–17th Centuries.

**Robert Shaw** (Masaryk University). DISSINET: Networks of Dissent: Computational Modelling of Dissident and Inquisitorial Cultures in Medieval Europe.

Debate

## 28 November

9h–11h30: SESSION 4. Cultures in Interaction

**Katharina Heyden** (University of Bern). Religious Interaction and Co-Production: Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Entangled Early Medieval Occident.

**Theresa Jäckh** (University of Tübingen). Interreligious Communication. Transmediterranean Perspectives (7th–16th Cent.).

**Giorgio Riello** (European University Institute). European Factories of the Indian Ocean, 1500–1800. Early Modern Global History: economic and material culture, history of trade and consumption in Asia and Europe.

**Antonio Urquizar** (UNED). IS-LE: Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South, North of the Mediterranean (1350–1750).

**Philip Bockholt** (University of Münster). TRANSLAPT: Inner-Islamic Transfer of Knowledge within Arabic-Persian-Ottoman Translation Processes in the Eastern Mediterranean (1400–1750).

**Godefroid de Callatay** (University of Louvain). Transmission of knowledge during the Middle Ages. The origin and early development of philosophy in tenth-century al-Andalus: the impact of ill-defined materials and channels of transmission.

Debate