

Mediterráneos

International conference of Junior researchers in
Mediterranean and Near Eastern languages and cultures

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Throughout history, different cultural traditions, all of them with a considerable linguistic diversity, have flourished and converged in the Mediterranean and Near Eastern regions. The International conference of Junior researchers in Mediterranean and Near Eastern languages and cultures seeks to provide a transverse and interdisciplinary framework of discussion and reflection on the intellectual and cultural production of the Mediterranean and the Near East, from its earliest stages to the present. More precisely, this meeting pursues the analysis of the different political, religious, and other trends of thought, the material culture and the diverse artistic, literary and linguistic expressions brought together in this geographical area, highlighting the scope of this blend of traditions within different space-time surroundings.

CALL FOR PAPERS

We warmly welcome proposals regarding the following
topics and guidelines:

1. **Commercial and economic activity:** cultural exchanges motivated by trade, mint coin production and currency fluctuations; state control systems; taxation, charity and other bodies.
2. **Orthodoxies and heterodoxies:** philosophical, religious, magical and superstitious ideas and practices; millenarian and apocalyptic movements; power and religious legitimations.
3. **Artistic expressions and material culture** as means of transmission and evidence for religious, political and cultural ideologie; tradition and innovation, assimilation and influence.
4. **Political theories and processes:** effective execution of powers, authoritarian figures, methods of government, hierarchical relations within intra-state and supra-state structures.
5. **Language, literature, textual criticism and hermeneutics:** critical editions, modern research technologies and methods.
6. **Transmission of knowledge and history of science:** processes of reception, cultural exchange and transfer among societies in contact.

We encourage junior researchers in the fields of the **Humanities and Social Sciences**, as well as recent PhD's (with thesis completed within 5 years prior to event) to participate. Papers should not exceed 20 minutes, and may be presented in Spanish or English.

Please submit abstracts (300-500 words, including keywords and reference to chosen topic in mail subject), and a brief CV to mediterraneos.abstracts@gmail.com, no later than **July 12th 2010**.

Conference Committee: Comisión de jóvenes investigadores del Instituto de Lenguas y Culturas del Mediterráneo y Oriente Próximo, CCHS-CSIC, Madrid.

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