

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### “MOVEMENT AND MOBILITY IN THE MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN (6<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES)”

SOCIETY FOR THE MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN (SMM) 6<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE  
BARCELONA, INSTITUT D’ESTUDIS CATALANS (IEC), 8 - 11 JULY 2019

The sixth biennial conference of the Society for the Medieval Mediterranean (SMM) will take place in Barcelona, at the Institut d’Estudis Catalans (IEC), from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon) to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (lunch time)**. An optional excursion for attendees will be available on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**.

The conference will be dedicated to the memory of the former president of the Society, Professor Simon Barton.

The theme of the conference is “**Movement and Mobility in the Medieval Mediterranean (6th – 15th centuries)**”.

The **keynote lectures** will be delivered by Professor **Petra Sijpesteijn** (University of Leiden), 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019, and Professor **Amy Remensnyder** (Brown University), 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The medieval Mediterranean was not a static maritime space. In recent years, studies have focused on Mediterranean dynamics, connections, encounters and entanglements. What approaches do researchers from History, Literature, Archaeology, Philology and other disciplines adopt to better understand the complexity of the medieval Mediterranean? How and to what extent did multiple agents, phenomena and factors interact to shape and intertwine the multidimensional spheres of the Mediterranean? We welcome papers from all disciplines that study movement and mobility from different perspectives in and across the medieval Mediterranean and its extensions, both physical and imagined. This theme invites a variety of lines of inquiry, a number of which are suggested below.

Topics of the conference could include, but are by no means limited to:

- Multicultural contacts, transculturation and assimilation in the medieval Mediterranean
- Medieval Mediterranean crossings
- Circulation of political, religious and cultural ideas
- Circulation of people and commodities
- Major and minor, forced and voluntary migrations
- Pilgrimage and religious mobility
- Diplomacy and its agents
- Commerce and its agents
- Military expeditions and coastal defence
- Naval technology and navigation
- Medieval Mediterranean geostrategy
- Geographical explorations
- Links between the Mediterranean and connected seas (Atlantic, Black Sea, Red Sea)

## Call for panels, papers and posters

Participants are encouraged to submit **proposals for panels** of 3 papers. The panel proposer should collate the three abstracts (including titles, presenters' names, affiliations, short CVs or most important publications and keywords) and submit them together, indicating clearly the rationale behind the planned panel. We also invite 300-400 word abstracts for 20-minute **individual papers** relating to the conference theme. Nevertheless, panel proposals will be given priority over individual papers. **Poster proposals** (title and short description up to 200 words, including name, affiliation, short CV or most important publications and keywords as well) are also welcome.

## Submission deadline

Abstracts for panels, individual papers and posters should be emailed to the conference email address ([smm.bcn.2019@imf.csic.es](mailto:smm.bcn.2019@imf.csic.es)) by **31th December 2018**. Applicants will be notified regarding the acceptance of their panel, paper or poster by **February 2019**.

## Postgraduate student bursaries:

- The SMM will offer up to 15 bursaries (10 for papers and 5 for posters) for PhD students who wish to present their research at the conference. The bursaries will cover the costs of both registration fees and the conference dinner.
- The Sociedad Española de Estudios Medievales (SEEM) offers two bursaries of 150 € to help cover registration fees to their associates who are under the age of 30 (for more information, please contact [secretaria@medievalistas.es](mailto:secretaria@medievalistas.es)).

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**Queries:** Specific questions can be directed to the conference email address ([smm.bcn.2019@imf.csic.es](mailto:smm.bcn.2019@imf.csic.es)).

**Conference webpage and further information:** Soon to be find in the SMM website (<http://www.societymedievalmediterranean.com/>).

**Registration will open in February 2019**, after the issue of the first draft of the conference programme, through the SMM website (<http://www.societymedievalmediterranean.com/>).