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CIEPO-23

First circular – Call for papers

The Department of History of New Bulgarian University and the American University in Bulgaria announce that the 23rd conference of the Comité international des études pré-ottomanes et ottomanes (International Committee for Pre-Ottoman and Ottoman Studies) will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 11-15 September 2018.

The organizers encourage thematic panels, but proposals for individual papers may also be submitted. 200 presentations will be possible. Each panel will consist of normally four, but exceptionally three or five to maximum six papers. Each paper – in a panel or independent – will be of a duration of 15 minutes; panels should ideally also include a brief 5-minute introductory presentation of their theme and rationale. Discussion will follow at the end of each session.

The languages of the conference are English, French, German, and Turkish.

The conference does not have a specific theme, but the organizers encourage panels and individual papers which fall under the following main topics:

- Sources: new interpretations and approaches
- Studies on the pre-Ottoman period of Ottoman lands
- The Black Sea in the pre-Ottoman and Ottoman period
- The Mediterranean in the pre-Ottoman and Ottoman period
- Ottoman urban history
- The Ottoman rural society and economy
- Ottoman arts, literature, architecture and science
- Ottoman military history
- Religious communities, confessionalism and conversion
- The Ottomans and the world: diplomacy, economy and culture
- Elites and marginal groups in the Ottoman Empire

Proposals must be submitted in the attached forms (please see below), and must be sent by email to **ciepo23@gmail.com**, where also all queries should be addressed. The deadline for the submission of proposals is **30 November 2017**.

Abstracts for individual papers should not exceed 400 words (please see the CIEPO standard format of abstracts, also attached). Proposals for panels should include abstracts of up to 300 words for each paper, but also an abstract of up to 400 words for the general theme of the panel, also explaining how the papers interconnect and how they contribute to the theme. Proposals for panels must be submitted by the panel leader, i.e., the person who takes the initiative to organize the panel.

The proposals for panels and individual papers will be examined by an international Vetting Board which will be appointed by the CIEPO Executive Board, and will consist of members of the CIEPO Governing Directorate. The selection process will be double-blind, following the established academic practice for peer review; the names of the members of the Vetting Board will not be announced, and the panel and paper proposals will be forwarded to the Vetting Board by the local organizers without names. The results of the selection process will be announced through the local organizers by 15 January 2018. In case there are appeals (which will have to be submitted to the local organizers by 30 January 2018), the CIEPO President will act as arbitrator.

Details about the registration fee, as well as about accommodation options in Sofia, will be announced in February 2018, after the end of the selection process. To provide a rough idea, the registration fee will be around 100 Euros. The conference participants will have to cover themselves the costs of travel, accommodation, and most meals.

The conference will include four days of sessions, to be held in the campus of New Bulgarian University in Sofia, and a full-day excursion.

The organizers,

Rossitsa Gradeva

Svetla Ianeva

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REGISTRATION FORM
(for independent papers or participants who do not wish to give a paper)

Name:

Institution:

Position:

Email:

Fax (optional):

Paper title:

Paper language:

Abstract (max. 400 words):

If your paper falls under one of the sub-topics proposed by the organizers, please specify (optional):

I am attending the conference, but I do not wish to give a paper

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REGISTRATION FORM
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Panel members

Name	Institution	Position	Email	Fax (optional)
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2)				
3)				
4)				

Please cite the panel leader's details in No. 1 above.

Panel title:

Panel language(s):

If your panel falls under one of the sub-topics proposed by the organizers, please specify (optional):

Abstract for the panel (max. 400 words):

Paper titles:

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Abstracts for the papers (max. 300 words each):

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