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IX INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE  
**MIDDLE AGES**

URBAN SOCIETIES IN  
MEDIEVAL EUROPE

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**CALL for PAPERS**  
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## CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPERS

Throughout the Middle Ages, powers such as kings and princes favoured towns as centres for organising space on a political, socio-economic, religious and cultural level. Towns were the place of residence and often passage for individuals with different social statuses, levels of wealth and knowledge, and sometimes religious beliefs. Urban communities took centre stage in different areas, from politics to economics, and in the promotion, circulation and dissemination of religious and cultural ideas and practices.

The study of medieval urban societies continues to be important and necessary to understand their composition, inequalities and complexity, as well as their role in the construction and experience of urban space. It also makes it possible to observe the different stages of life (childhood, youth, maturity and old age) of its inhabitants, their emotions and the relationships they established between themselves and with the outside world, and therefore the management and resolution of conflicts. These elements fuelled representations of urban society, both in discourses and practices and in material testimonies, which it is important to continue to understand and deepen.

Accordingly, this year (2024) on **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October**, the Institute of Medieval Studies (FCSH; Nova University, Lisbon) and the City Council of Castelo de Vide will host the **IX International Conference on the Middle Ages**, entitled: **Urban societies in medieval Europe**. With a focus on Christian, Islamic and Jewish Europe, researchers from any scientific discipline (History, Archaeology, History of the Art, Literature, among others) are invited to present proposals for sessions and/or individual presentations suitable for inclusion in the following thematic panels:

1. Legal status of the towns's inhabitants: norms and practice
2. Spaces of social coexistence
3. The intervention of powers in social life: strategies and tensions.
4. Society and the exercise of power: rituals and practices
5. Migratory movements within the town: emigration and immigration
6. Social mobility: processes and practices
7. Elements of social and economic differentiation
8. Social conflicts and urban peace
9. Urban devotion: rituals, practices and materialities

10. The expression of emotions in the city
11. Children in the town: practices and representations
12. Young people in the town: practices and representations
13. Old people in the town: practices and representations
14. The family in the town: practices and representations
15. Court society in the town: presence, reception and tensions
16. The privileged in the town: nobles, clerics and monks
17. Officials, literati and men of letters in the city: hierarchies and political participation
18. Merchants in the town: organisation, hierarchies and political participation
19. Artisans in the town: organisation, hierarchies and political participation
20. Women in the town
21. The marginalised: the poor, the insane, prostitutes, lepers and the sick
22. Ethnic minorities: coexistence, tensions, representations and materiality
23. Foreigners in the town: reception, organisation and tensions
24. Visitors and passers-by: reception and tensions
25. Urban societies in the face of threats: war, famine and disease
26. The society in medieval Castelo de Vide

The Conference will comprise 4 plenary sessions featuring researchers invited by the organizing committee, along with separate thematic panels. Each panel will be made up of three paper presentations and will be 60 minutes long. Researchers wishing to participate are requested to submit proposals for whole panels and/or individual papers, the latter being arranged by the organizing committee into coherent panels. The Conference includes a full cultural program with guided tours, Conference Dinner, and a public Book Launch to present the published volume which brings together a selection of articles gathered from the *VIII International Conference of the Middle Ages* and the *Autumn School* of October 2023.

Please note, the working languages of the Conference are: Portuguese, Spanish, French, and English.

**Keynote speakers:**

Four keynote speakers to be confirmed.

**Scientific committee:**

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**Scholarships to be awarded by IEM:**

The Institute for Medieval Studies will give scholarships to cost the conference fees. Applications will be reviewed by the organizing committee. It will be considered the academic merits of the candidates and the reasons expressed in the motivation letter.

Applicants must send the following documents to the email address [imcv@fcs.unl.pt](mailto:imcv@fcs.unl.pt) :

- 1) Curriculum vitae
- 2) Motivation letter (1 page, A4)
- 3) Paper proposal (relevance of the proposal for the knowledge of the conference theme. (max. 1 A4 page)

**Supporters:** IEM - NOVA FCSH; CMCV; FCT; NOVA FCSH

**Transportation**

The organization will provide transport by coach for speakers from campus NOVA-FCSH-Castelo de Vide-campus NOVA-FCSH.

The registration pack for speakers includes coach transport from Lisbon Airport – Castelo de Vide – Lisbon Airport, lunch during conference days, guided tour of Castelo de Vide and Conference Dinner.

**Deadline for proposals for panels and papers: until 31th May**

**Panels, Papers and Posters acceptance: 7 June**

**Conference fees**

**Speakers (general): 70 €**

**University students (undergraduates, MA and PhD): 50 €**

**IEM integrated researchers and students at NOVA FCSH: 40 €**

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