

Space and the Hospital (Lisbon, 26–28 May 21)

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The International Network for the History of Hospitals (INHH) and the Research projects 'Hospitalis: Hospital Architecture in Portugal at the Dawn of Modernity' (<https://projecthospitalis.net/en/>) and 'All Saints Royal Hospital: the city and Public Health' are pleased to announce the call for papers for Space and the Hospital.

Space, in both its physical and conceptual manifestations, has been a part of how hospitals were designed, built, used, and understood within the wider community. By focusing on space, this conference aims to explore this subject through the lens of its architectural, socio-cultural, medical, economic, charitable, ideological, and public conceptualisations.

This thirteenth INHH conference will explore the relationship between space and hospitals throughout history by examining it through the lens of five themes: (1) ritual, space, and architecture; (2) hospitals as 'model' spaces; (3) the impact of medical practice and theory on space; (4) hospitality and social space; (5) sponsorship.

Below are more details about how the conference themes will address along with related questions. The themes and questions presented are by no means an exhaustive list; however, we encourage the submission of an abstract that examines any aspects of space and the history of hospitals in innovative ways. Please see the attached CfP, or go to our website <https://inhh.org/>, for a more comprehensive outline of the proposed themes.

We invite proposals for 20-minute papers or posters which address the conference theme. Potential contributors are asked to bear in mind that engagement with the theme of space and the hospital will be a key criterion in determining which papers are accepted onto the programme.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words in length, in English and accompanied by a brief biography of no more than 200 words. Proposals should be sent to space.inhh@gmail.com by 30 September 2020. As with previous INHH conferences, it is intended that an edited volume of the conference papers will be published. Submissions are particularly encouraged from researchers who have not previously given a paper at an INHH conference.

Reference:

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