

## Adriatic Frontiers (Montecatini Terme, 24-26 Mar 10)

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Workshop / 11th Mediterranean Research Meeting (MRM)

ADRIATIC FRONTIERS:  
COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS CULTURES, SPACE AND TIME

Deadline for abstracts: July 15, 2009.

### CONCEPT

The workshop "Adriatic Frontiers: Communications Across Cultures, Space and Time" seeks to provide a forum for the study of the multifaceted history of a region that has remained on the margins, despite the increased interest in the Mediterranean. Although Fernand Braudel had early upheld the study of interactions of Catholic, Muslim, Christian Orthodox, and Jewish cultures on either side of political borders as a promising field of study, few efforts have been made since then for a greater understanding of the Adriatic, specifically, as an intercultural space. This zone of multiple frontiers has suffered from the fact that it is also on the periphery of specializations of Ottoman/Middle Eastern, Italian/European, and Balkans/South Slavic histories and their respective sources and literatures. Scattered efforts in recent scholarship, resulting in somewhat astonishing findings, have demonstrated that we are still far from understanding the workings of this space between, broadly, the 14th and 19th centuries. The proposed workshop seeks to bridge this gap by bringing together an international group of scholars from various disciplinary backgrounds who nonetheless share a common interest in intercultural aspects of the Adriatic space in the past. The proposed workshop will reframe earlier efforts in the quest to further future scholarship on the matter. The organizers strive to achieve a mixture of established scholars who have already made a lasting contribution to the field and younger historians who would benefit from the meeting in their future endeavours.

(Please also see the full concept [3 pages] at

[http://www.eui.eu/RSCAS/Research/Mediterranean/mrm2010/desc\\_pdf/MRM2010\\_Ds11.pdf](http://www.eui.eu/RSCAS/Research/Mediterranean/mrm2010/desc_pdf/MRM2010_Ds11.pdf))

## COSTS

There will be no registration fee. Most selected participants are eligible for a bursary. This will be a lump sum, unrelated to your actual costs, and fixed according to your country of residence/departure. Participants from Southeast Europe, Turkey and Middle Eastern countries will receive a lump sum of 550 euros to cover their expenses (airfare, accommodation). Participants from Western Europe, the USA and Canada will receive a lump sum of 130 euros. Participants from within Italy are not eligible for a bursary.

For details, please see

<http://www.eui.eu/RSCAS/Research/Mediterranean/mrm2010/pdf/MRM2010-InfoParticipants.pdf#page=3>

## TRAVEL

Participants are expected to arrive in Montecatini Terme on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, before 6PM and depart on Saturday, March 27, 2010, after lunch (i.e. after 1PM). Shuttles from the nearby airports of Florence and Pisa to the conference venue will be provided (on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, as well as on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning). Montecatini Terme is located in a distance of approximately 45 km from Florence and Pisa.

## ACCOMODATION

Participants will be accommodated in one of the hotels in Montecatini Terme booked for the MRM. All hotels are within walking distance of each other and offer the comforts of a 4-star hotel. The discount rate prices per night at these hotels range from ca. 35 to ca. 75 euros, hence totaling 100-250 euros, according to your preferences, for all three nights. The participants will be required to pay for their rooms themselves (see also section "Costs") upon check-out. Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners are provided for, save for the dinner on Thursday, March 25.

## WORKSHOP, SCHEDULE AND VENUE

The workshop "Adriatic Frontiers" is one of approximately 20 workshops organized simultaneously in the framework of the 11th Mediterranean Research Meeting. Each workshop will comprise of 10-16 participants and will begin with an inaugural lecture at 7PM on Wednesday. Presentations will be held on Thursday and Friday between 9AM and 5:30PM, as well as on Saturday from 9AM-1PM. Preliminary versions of papers to be presented

will be made available (to participants only) prior to the event and must be submitted by January 15, 2010. The seminar rooms are within

walking distance of the hotels and are all equipped with data projectors.

#### APPLY

Paper proposals must be submitted online before July 15, 2009. Abstracts of 500-1000 words are to be pasted in, CVs of max. 5 pages are to be uploaded to, the online form at <http://www.rscas.org/medform.asp>

#### TIMELINE

July 15, 2009: deadline for submission of abstracts.  
September 15, 2009: results of selection process announced  
January 15, 2010: deadline for submission of papers

#### CONTACT

The workshop is directed by Maximilian Hartmuth (hartmuth@su.sabanciuniv.edu) and Amanda Phillips (amanda.phillips@orinst.ox.ac.uk) and hosted by the European University Institute. Feel free to contact the workshop directors for thematic concerns, but note that any question pertaining to accommodation, transport, costs, etc. falls under the responsibility of the MRM. Frequently asked questions are addressed at <http://www.eui.eu/RSCAS/Research/Mediterranean/mrm2010>

See also the official call for papers at [http://www.eui.eu/RSCAS/Research/Mediterranean/mrm2010/pdf/MRM2010-Paper scall.pdf](http://www.eui.eu/RSCAS/Research/Mediterranean/mrm2010/pdf/MRM2010-Paper%20call.pdf)

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