

Session at International Medieval Meeting (Lleida, 3-5 June 26)

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Deadline: Mar 12, 2026

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International Medieval Meeting Lleida:

"The Changing Landscapes of Holiness in the Mediterranean during the Middle Ages."

The session seeks to explore the conceptualizations of landscape(s) of holiness in the Mediterranean viewing landscape as a participant in religious life and not only a mere background. Suggested topics, on a time frame between 300-1500, may include, but are not limited to:

- Spaces and places of holiness: Churches, catacombs, and graveyards
- Nature and holiness: landscapes of the wilderness
- Architecture, cosmology, and environments: monasteries, churches
- Political geographies of holiness: use of sacred spaces for political power, identity
- Landscape in textual sources: preaching, hagiography
- Images and landscapes of holiness: maps, pilgrimage routes
- Affective and sensorial approaches to holy places
- Rituals and landscapes of holiness in the Mediterranean

Submissions from a variety of disciplines (and sources) are accepted including but not limited to: history, art history, visual culture, social history, cultural history, hagiography, religious studies, cultural studies, textual studies in a transdisciplinary perspective.

The language of the panel is English. Fees to be covered by participants for an in-presence event.

Please submit a short CV and a 300-words abstract (PDF or Word.doc), in English, clearly underlying the innovative aspect of your current research - that should be at an advanced level.

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