

The Multi-ethnic Borderlands of Medieval Toledo

New Directions

June 5-7, 2019

The purpose of this symposium is to bring together scholars of diverse academic backgrounds and interests to explore topics of hybridity, liminality, centrality of the people and communities, documents, archeological and material remnants, philosophical discourses, legal constructs, and the geography of Medieval Toledo. We seek to further our understanding of the relationship of this central city to the borderland areas both literal and figurative, cities, communities along the frontier of between the Christian kingdoms to the North and the Taifas to the South.

Symposium Format: The symposium will be organized as a series of themed panel presentations.

Some keywords to consider:

1. Mixing, Integration, Exchange
2. Border regions, border identities, liminality, epicenter-nucleus
3. Boundaries (physical-material, cultural)
4. Borderland legal boundaries, disputes, treaties, accords, territories
5. Language borders, language mixing, language contact, isoglosses, writing systems
6. Philosophy, theology and frontiers
7. Texts, intertextuality, translation
8. *Geral Estoria*, Alfonso X
9. Economy

Important dates:

- September 15, 2018

Please send a 350 word abstract, (Font: Times New Roman 12, double spaced, MLA) Title, 3 keywords, name, affiliation and a brief description of the author and CV to yb10@txstate.edu.

The information provided, including the abstract, will be posted on the final conference program. Accepted languages: English, Spanish and French.

- October 30, 2018

Participants will be notified of acceptance status and will also receive a bibliography to consider when preparing their presentations.

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To be held at the University of Castilla-La Mancha, Toledo.

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