

"MONKS AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN" PROGRAM (2012-2016)
Contacts, Exchanges and Influences in East and West
from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages (4th-15th c.)

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Monastic Journeys from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages *Religious Aspirations, Political Goals and Economic Concerns*

VIENNA, 17-19 NOVEMBER 2016

Call for papers

The conference on "Monastic Journeys from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages: Religious Aspirations, Political Goals and Economic Concerns" welcomes contributions on Eastern and Western monasticisms. It will focus on monks travelling over long distances, despite the monastic rule of *stabilitas loci*.

Monastic journeys have several aspects, among them:

1. *Religion*, for missionary monks, founders, pilgrims, crusaders;
2. *Representation*, for ambassadors, petitioners, administrators of monasteries, congregations or orders;
3. *Economy*, for monks seeking business, privileges and funding;
4. *Education*, for monks considered as students, scholars, or those looking for a distant monastic experience;
5. *Constraint*, for refugees, monks banned or summoned to a trial.

Monastic journeys reveal the broad social functions of the monks in late antique and medieval societies. They show in what ways monasticism was regularly used to meet political needs. One may also consider the sacred geography and the holy places of power linked by those movements. Practical issues such as logistics, financing and distant accommodation may be addressed, as well as the role of monks in interreligious dialogue. The geographic frame is the wider Mediterranean and continental Europe. The period under consideration extends from the 4th to the 15th century.

Communications are expected to last 20 minutes. They will be presented preferably in English, but German and French are also accepted. The proceedings of the conference will be published.

Please send your title and a brief summary by 30 April 2016 to the following address: programme-moines@ifao.egnet.net. The results of the call will be announced by 15 May 2016.

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A first conference on regional trips ("Monastic mobility and contacts at local and regional scales") was held at the French School in Rome from 17 to 19 September 2014. A second conference on the monastic heritage of a Greek father was held in Rome in 3 November 3 2015 ("From Basil to the Basilians. The monastic offspring of a Greek father in East and West").

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