



FIRST CIRCULAR – CALL FOR PAPERS

The Institute of Political Studies "Sami Frasheri" are pleased to announce that the 25th Symposium of the Comité International des Études Pré-Ottomanes et Ottomanes (International Committee for Pre-Ottoman and Ottoman Studies, CIÉPO) will take place in Tirana, Albania, from 21-25 June 2024.

The aim is to provide a platform of a high scholarly level that will promote the knowledge and sustain the memory of Ottoman history.

The symposium will include four days of sessions at a designated conference center in Tirana (21-24 June). An excursion is scheduled for the last day (25 June), during which participants will have the chance to visit Ottoman sites in the surrounding areas.

Submissions

The organizers encourage thematic panels, but individual papers may also be submitted. In total, the symposium will feature up to 200 papers. Each paper, whether part of a panel or independent, will be of a duration of 15 minutes. Panels should ideally comprise four papers (panels of three to six papers are also acceptable) and include a brief 5-minute introductory presentation. All sessions will conclude with a brief discussion.

Themes and Languages

While the symposium does not have a specific theme, we encourage panels and individual papers that fall under the following topics:

Themes for Submissions:

- Historical Phases of the Ottoman Empire
Early, Middle, and Late Periods
- Political and Social Structures
Governance, Legal Systems, and Social Mobility
- Economic Systems
Trade, Agriculture, and Labor
- Cultural Exchange and Intellectual Life
Language, Literature, and Sciences

- Religious Landscape
Religious Pluralism and Institutions
- Artistic Contributions
Visual Arts, Music, and Material Culture
- Demographics and Family Structures in the Ottoman Empire
Women's Roles, Family Structures
- Military Strategies and Structures
Siege Warfare, Naval Power, and Janissaries
- Health and Medicine
Medical Practices and Public Health
- Diplomacy and External Relations
Treaties, Alliances, and Global Interactions
- Comparative Ottoman Studies
Comparative Analyses with Other Empires and Regions
- Regional Perspectives
The Ottoman Empire in the Balkans and Mediterranean

The official languages of the symposium are English, French, German, and Turkish.

The language in which a paper or panel will be presented in the symposium must be identical with the language of the title and abstract submitted to the symposium organizers and announced in the symposium's programme.

Proposal and Review Process

Abstracts for individual papers should not exceed 400 words, while abstracts for papers that are part of a panel proposal should be up to 300 words each. Additionally, each panel proposal should include a general abstract of up to 400 words, explaining the panel's theme and how the papers interconnect. The latter should be submitted by the panel leader only.

Abstracts should clearly define the objective of the contribution (panel or paper), the argument that it makes, the sources on which it relies, the methodology it uses to achieve its goal, and its originality with regard to existing scholarship.

All panel and individual paper proposals will be examined by an international Vetting Board, appointed by CIÉPO's Acting President. The selection process is double-blind, following established academic peer-review practices. The Local Organizing Committee will announce the results by 15 January 2024. In case of appeals, to be submitted by 31 January 2024, CIÉPO's Acting President will act as arbitrator.

No change is allowed to a paper or panel title after the abstract has been selected for presentation in the symposium, unless the symposium organizers have agreed to it. The title of the abstract will be taken as the title of the paper or panel to be announced in the symposium programme.

Application Forms

- [Panel Leaders & Members Application Form](#)
- [Individual Papers & Attendees Application Form](#)

The deadline for the submission of proposals is **30 November 2023**.

Logistics

Details about the registration fee and accommodation options in Tirana will be circulated upon completion of the selection process. The registration fee is estimated to be about 100€, and participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Light lunches and coffee breaks will be provided.

For further queries or assistance with the application process, please contact us at:
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