CONGRESS

Away from Home: Ideas, Emotions, Images and Writings on Homesickness in the Mediterranean World (1492-1923)

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ABSTRACT:

Homesickness is a sentiment, and an idea shared by societies around the Mediterranean, and felt by individuals and communities alike, either temporarily or permanently; particularly in a geography marked by the voluntary and involuntary displacement of people across the political, cultural and religious divide since Antiquity. Being away from home triggers a vast array of situations and feelings, like nostalgia manifested by narratives, art, patterns of consumption, etc.; or the attempt to keep the identity in face of a different set of values in the place one is living as an exile or as an expatriate; namely through the endeavor to build Home away from Home; and to maintain contact with Home exchanging writings, presents, etc.

It is our aim to see how and to understand why, despite Globalization, Cosmopolitanism, and the growing circulation of people (like travelers, traders, pilgrims, students, scientists, tourists), and the exchange of ideas across national, cultural and religious divides, individual and communities still maintained their entangled relationship with Home, either in a real or constructed image and discourse, through time. For that we invite scholars to explore all available media that reveals Homesickness to participate in this congress.

OBJECTIVES:

1 - Consider Homesickness in a long-term and comparative perspective;

2 - Investigate the expressions of Homesickness in its material, literary and immaterial dimensions, in order to understand the density of its diversity.
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Contributors can send communication proposals for this congress through the email address saudadelisboa2022@gmail.com

Proposals must contain the following elements:

1 - Full name(s) of author(s) and institutional affiliation

2 - Communication title

3 - Abstract with a maximum of 1200 characters (not counting spaces), in Type New Roman, font 12, single spaced (relating to a communication of 20 minutes)

4 - Curriculum Vitae with a maximum of 2000 characters (not counting spaces), in Type New Roman, font 12, single spacing

- The language of the proposals can be Portuguese, French, Spanish, Italian, Ladino and English. But if the proposal is not written in English, it must be accompanied by a translation in this language

- All other participants are not subject to any registration fee, but the expenses arising from their participation in the event will be allocated to them or, eventually, to their research centers

Schedule:

1 – Submission of proposals: until April 11, 2022

2 – Notification of acceptance of proposals: until April 22, 2022

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