



II International Workshop  
*Changes and Continuities.*  
*Border areas and frontier mentality*

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*Call for papers*

Following the I International Workshop “Changes and continuities. The transition from the Middle Ages to Modern Times in the Iberian Peninsula” in 2014, the Institute of Medieval Studies, the Center for Global History and the Institute for Contemporary History will organize a second workshop entitled “Changes and Continuities. Border areas and border mentality” to be held at FCSH-UNL on July 20-21, 2015.

The workshop is structured along four main themes:

**1. Border and territories** - Borders have their maximum plasmation within nature: rivers, coasts, mountains, deserts, natural barriers, offer borders’ images associated to a territory. But not always man clearly defines these territories. The impact that this conception of territory - real or imagined - has had throughout History, has produced various ways of representation among scholarly sources. This research theme accepts papers concerning disputed or forgotten territories; documentation on border demarcation (peace treaties, claims), maps or any type of cartographic representation;

**2. Border’s imaginary** – As a space which separates what is known and what is yet to be known, borders have been part of the collective consciousness and imagination of several societies. As such, the border is an area in constant construction, a moving line throughout History, which is represented in various sources such as maps and reports, on the verge what of what is real and what is imaginary. In that context, papers on the image of border’s construction, reports on borders, Discoveries and new spaces, and imagined borders are welcome;

**3. Political borders and identities** - The concept of political border is dynamic, has evolved over time, and its relative weight has varied. Examples such as the European Union, within which most of the internal borders are abolished and freedom of movement is a premise, have challenged this concept and the permeability of borders (physical, economic, political and even cultural) and thus also the concept of identity as belonging to a demarcated territory. Research that focus on borders from a political point of view and national and/or local identity will be addressed within this theme;

**4. Economic and technological borders** - The general purpose of this theme is to reflect on the impact of borders in the economies, as well as the relation between technology and borders. In particular, it will try to emphasize the effects of integration, coordination and exclusion of different markets in economic terms and through the study of borders. It will be important to analyze the role of ports in the global economy and trade networks and other transnational actors in the world economy configuration across borders. One of the main objectives of this research theme will be to consider the economic and/or technological agents that contributed to the creation or to the overcoming of borders. To that respect, this research theme welcomes papers addressing trade treaties, neutrality and borders; technological innovations; economic agents and globalization; and activities across borders (fraud, smuggling).

This workshop aims to bring together researchers from different chronological periods, in different stages of their investigation, who are working on these issues. If you wish to submit a proposal, please complete the form available at <http://iiwimec.blogspot.pt/> until **April 15**.

The conference working languages are Portuguese, Spanish, English, French and Italian.

The workshop has a fee for presenting authors: 15€ for students (including PhD) and 20€ for PhD's and other researchers.

The workshop coordinators foresee the edition of a collective volume with peer review in 2016.

Important dates:

- Abstract submissions deadline: April 15, 2015
- Abstract acceptance notification: April 30, 2015
- Full paper submissions deadline: July 5, 2015
- Final submission deadline for publication: November 30, 2015