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CA18129 - Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South, North of the Mediterranean (1350-1750)

CA 18129 Open Call for Participation

Deadline 25th March 2020

Activity: Conference

Working Group: 1

Title: *The Islamic Legacy in the 20th and 21st Centuries*

Date: July 7-8, 2020

Place: Cambridge (United Kingdom): Buckingham House, Murray Edwards College, Huntingdon Road

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Abstract:

The legacy of a medieval and/or early modern Islamic presence in both European and Mediterranean countries extends beyond 1750 and continues to manifest itself in life today. One particularly striking example is the powerful influence in current Spanish politics of ideas invoking the medieval heritage of Spain, including concepts of conquest and reconquest, often specifically in relation to the fall of Granada in 1492. Another example lies in the restoration of Ottoman heritage in the urban space of Istanbul that began after the pro-Islamic AKP party came to power in 2002. The aim of this conference is to bring together scholars who would be interested in comparing aspects of life in European and Mediterranean countries today that demonstrate how Islamic and Christian interactions and influences in Medieval and Early-Modern Europe are still noticeable in contemporary cultural, political, historical and religious life.

The approach will be multidisciplinary and will address a variety of themes from different perspectives, relating to a number of key questions:

- a) What forms do contemporary references take? (i.e. literature, art, politics, architecture, film and so on)
- b) What are the origins of these references?
- c) What are contemporary reactions to these references?
- d) What are the cultural implications and importance of these references?

Scholars are invited to send abstracts on the themes of this conference in relation to the key questions above, or addressing other relevant issues.

Deadline and details:

This call for papers is now open for those researchers interested in taking part in the conference. Both early career scholars and senior researchers are welcome, as are those working in different fields, in order to encourage interdisciplinarity and plurality of dialogue. Proposals are invited consisting of a title, abstract (no more than 500), and a brief bio of 15 lines, which should be sent to Elizabeth Drayson (eam33@cam.ac.uk) and Borja Franco (bfranco@geo.uned.es) by the deadline of 25th March 2020.

Reimbursement of expenses:

CA18129 might be able to reimburse travel and accommodation expenses to a limited number of researchers not yet affiliated to the Action. Applications should be submitted along with the proposal.