CA18129 Open Call for Participation
Deadline 1 April, 2021

Activity: Conference
Working Group: 2
Title: The Morisco Diaspora and Morisco Networks across the Western and Eastern Mediterranean
Date: 16-17 September 2021
Place: Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
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Abstract:
This workshop co-organized by IS-LE COST Action (CA18129) Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South, North of the Mediterranean (1350-1750) and the ERC Synergy Project the European Qur’ān (EuQu) aims to bring together scholars who work on the migrations (forced and non-forced) of Muslims from the Iberian Peninsula to other parts of Europe and the MENA Region between the fall of Granada (1492) and the first half of the seventeenth century. These migrations of groups and individuals took place in varying contexts and characteristics. Most migrations were induced by the repression of Islam and forced conversion and/or expulsion decrees between 1499 and 1609-1614, when the converted Muslims (Moriscos) were expelled from Spain. But there were also movements of Muslim refugees back to the Iberian Peninsula, especially between 1609 and 1640.

We are particularly interested in the agency and leadership of the migratory movements, their networks, diplomatic efforts to influence the leadership of receiving societies (Morocco, the Ottoman Empire and its regions in Europe (e.g. Bosnia), the Middle East and the Maghrib) and the ways they used their spiritual, social, and economic capital to make a living in their Mediterranean Diaspora.

In this regard we also aim to focus on cooperation between Muslims and other repressed groups in the Iberian Peninsula, the Sephardic Jews and Conversos, Protestants and other dissident groups.

Deadline and details:
This call for papers is now open for those researchers who are interested to participate in the conference. They are invited to submit their proposals with a title, an abstract (no more than 300 words) and a brief bio (maximum of 15 lines) before 1 April, 2021 to: Mercedes García-Arenal (mercedes.garciaarenal@cchs.csic.es) and Gerard Wiegers (g.a.wiegers@uva.nl)

Due to budgetary reasons, the number of reimbursed participants will be limited. A call for papers will also be open for researchers not yet affiliated to the Action. We aim to organise the conference on location at the University of Amsterdam, but will turn it into an online event in case the circumstances do not allow this.