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Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Premodern Mediterranean and the Iberian Peninsula

Rethinking gendered subjectivities and crisis in the Mediterranean

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Institutional Welcome: **9:30 - Linda G. Jones (UPF)**
Presentation of Coordinated Project, IPs and participants

"Medieval and Modern Sources for the Study of Transcultural Relations in the Mediterranean: Writing and Transmission III (RELMEDIII)," IPs – Cándida Ferrero Hernández (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) and Fernando González Muñoz (Universidade da Coruña) (Ref.: PID2022-137836NB-C31)
"Intersections of Religion and Gender in Transcultural Contexts: Premodern Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Iberia and the Mediterranean (RELGEND II)," IP – Linda G. Jones (UPF) (Ref.: PID2022-137836NB-C32)
"A Renaissance Religious Controversy: The Two Sides of Religious Identity," IP – Jorge Ledo (CCHS-CSIC, Madrid) (Ref.: PID2022-137836NB-C33)

Session One: Diversity in Transcultural Contexts - I
Chair: Linda G. Jones (UPF)
9:50-10:20 – **Cándida Ferrero Hernández (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)**, "Celebremos nuestro día, que es el viernes, a la usanza de nuestra nación". Emociones transculturales en el Tuzaní de la Alpujarra de Calderón de la barca.
10:20-10:50 – **Jorge Ledo (CCHS-CSIC, Madrid),** Hostile Archives and Minoritized Voices: Morisco Studies in Conversation with Black Iberian Studies
10:50-11:20 – **Ivana Arsić (Vienna Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Vienna)**, Performing Difference: Jewish and Muslim Performers and the Negotiation of Belonging at the Late Medieval Crown of Aragon.
Debate: 11:20-11:50
Coffee break 11:50-12:20

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Session Two: Diversity in Transcultural Contexts - II

Chair: Ivana Arsić (VICAS)
12:20-12:50 – **Olivier Brisville-Fertin (ENS de Lyon - CIHAM–UMR 5648)**, Between Arabic and Ibero-Romance: A Mudéjar Bilingual Sermon for the End of Ramadan
12:50-13:20 – **Oriol Catalán (Rome Business School),** Transculturality and Peace in the Medieval Mediterranean

Debate: 13:20-13:40
Lunch break: 13:45-15:00 (Cafeteria UPF)

Session Three: Intersections of Gender and Religion in Transcultural Contexts
Chair: Anna Chrysostomides (Queen Mary University of London)
15:00-15:30 – **Aurora González Artigao (Juan de la Cierva Postdoctoral Researcher, UPF)**, Prosopography of the Intersection of Religion and Gender in the Courts of the Taifa Rulers (11th Century)
15:30-16:00 – **Oded Zinger (Hebrew University of Jerusalem),** Masculinity and Travel in the Mediterranean and the Iberian Peninsula
16:00-16:30 – **Linda G. Jones (UPF),** Masculinity, Emotionality, and Religiosity in Transcultural Encounters

Debate: 16:30-16:50
Coffee break: 16:50-17:10
General Debate and Conclusions: 17:15-17:45

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 23 - AULA 20-287
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9:30 - 10:00 Opening Session - Aurora González (UPF)
Institutional welcome

10:00-10:40 **Linda G. Jones (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)**, The Role of Satire in Contesting Masculine Subjectivities in the Taifa, Almoravid, and Almohad Periods: Ibn García's Risāla and His Five Arab Refuters
10:40-11:20 **Aurora González (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)**, Masculinity, crisis and shame in the 5th/11th century al-Andalus
11:20-11:50 - Coffee break

12:00-12:40 **Laila M. Jreis Navarro (Universidad de Zaragoza)**, Ibn Bassām en la Ḏajīra: características de su voz autorial y límites de un espacio narrativo en disputa
12:40-1:20pm **Anna Chrysostomides (Lecturer in Islamic History, Queen Mary University of London)**, Zubaydah and the making of the ghulamiyyat: a response to political crisis or slander of the loosing side in the Fourth Fitna (811-813 CE)
1:20-2:30p, Lunch break (Cafeteria UPF)

2:30pm-5pm - Methodological Roundtable
2:30pm-3:30pm First discussion: **Rethinking categories and methodological tools for the study of Crisis and Gender**
3:30pm-4:00pm – Coffee break
4:00pm-5:00pm – Second discussion: **Case Studies and the Application of Theoretical Frameworks**
5:00-5:20pm - Closing remarks

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