

**SCIENTIFIC REPORT**

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*Court Residences as Places of Exchange in Late Medieval and  
Early Modern Europe (1400-1700)*

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## **I – PURPOSE OF THE VISIT**

The purpose of our visit was to participate at the conference *The Habsburgs and their Courts in Europe (1400-1700) Between Cosmopolitanism and Regionalism*, organized by the ESF Research Networking Programme PALATIUM with the cooperation of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, at Vienna, where the meeting occurred between 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2011, and the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

## **II – DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE VISIT**

Integrated as junior researcher, our public lecture, entitled “**Palaces on the edge of the Atlantic: The architectural reformation and the space ritualization of the Portuguese royal residences during the reign of Phillip I of Habsburg (1580-1598)**”, occurred at the first conference day, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

Supported by an interactive PowerPoint (consisting of maps, portraits and the images and plants of the several palatine royal residences) the main goal of our conference approach was to show our scientific project which consist at the analyses of the architectural and artistic interventions planned on of the Portuguese royal residences – the River Palace (*Paço da Ribeira*), the Coimbra alcazar and the countryside habitations in Salvaterra de Magos and Almeirim –, by the king D. Phillip I, of Portugal, between 1580 and 1598.

It was also our purpose to demonstrate the comprehension of the Habsburg sovereign *repraesentatio majestatis* reinforcement near to his subjects through the examination of the court ceremonial and the palatine spaces ritualization, namely at the royal chapel. In fact, once more, art would become a vital socio-political weapon to emphasize in Portugal the royal image and reinforce adherence to the new Spanish Habsburg monarchy.

### **III – DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN RESULTS OBTAINED**

As the major main results obtained we can assumed the debate and all considerations following to our presentation, publically and privately with the others researchers and scholars, that allowed us to be acquainted with the different mechanisms and new methods of investigation to continue our scientific studies over the architectural and the palatine ceremonial and ritualization spaces of the Portuguese royal residences during the Habsburg reigned, between 1580 and 1640.

It was, in fact, a very important meeting for our personal academic and scientific formation, especially due to the fact of the contribution obtained in the others researcher's sessions and all the activities developed in conjunction with the PALATIUM, the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

The meeting also provided a meditated knowledge over the compared experiences in all European countries fundamental to establish new multidisciplinary activities and transnational works closely with historical and artistic Portuguese reality.

### **IV – FUTURE COLLABORATION WITH HOST INSTITUTION**

We could be said from an overview of the diverse contributions that it is possible developed new projects and solidified our relationships with the host institution and all the others members that organized the meeting in Vienna.

### **V – PROJECTED PUBLICATIONS**

At present moment we are waiting for a decision of the PALATIUM steering committee (Krista de Jonge, chair) and programme coordinator (Pieter Martens) to initiate the preparation for the online preprints of the essay of our presentation- **“Palaces on the edge of the Atlantic: The architectural reformation and the space ritualization of the Portuguese royal residences during the reign of Phillip I of Habsburg (1580-1598)”**, as an article included at the PALATIUM conference *The Habsburgs and their Courts in Europe, 1400-1700*.

However, we should set the publication of our essay in a scientific journal, duly authorized by PALATIUM and identify properly the European Science Foundation for its financial aid that by conceding a short visit grant.

## **VI - OTHER COMMENTS**

Unfortunately, the late announcement of the strike called by the Portuguese airline TAP, predicted between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011, forced us to look for another airline company (Lufthansa), situation that increased the costs of the scheduled travel but under the limits of the European Science Foundation travels coasts (400€).

In the appendix below the tickets and the hotel invoice.