

Cross-CRP conference, Cross-CRP conference combined with meeting of Scholarly Board (= Scientific Committee)

'Role and expressions of regions during periods of change and crisis'

Place: "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia, Romania

Dates: arrival March 7, Conference March 8 and 9, Departure March 10, 2013

By choosing 'Role and expressions of regions during periods of change and crisis' as the main subject for the conference, we have indicated a topic that allows scholars from all three CRP's within the Eurocorecode-program to select an aspect, a theme, a period and/or a methodological approach that fits within one CRP and contributes to the other CRP's. The basic argumentation for the topic of the conference is, that in general the expression of identity and cohesion is the clearest during periods of crises, or triggered by, and expressed after periods of crises. One could think of dynastic crises (e.g. Lancastrian crises in England, different succession crises in Poland etc), wars (100 Years, Napoleonic, French-Prussian, Balkan Wars etc), religious crises (Western or Papal Schism, reformation/counter-reformation; expansion of Islam on Balkan), socio-economic crises (Black Death and aftermath, 1930s, nowadays) and all kinds of other (political, cultural etc.) crises (like Wende and after).

It might for instance be interesting for scholars from the Saints project not only to look at pest-saints, miracles and regional devotions during the late Medieval period, but also to ask themselves in how far a reappraisal of devotions took place during the 19th century, when regions got a completely new function in the nation-states after the Napoleonic era, or in how far the catholic revival, including the (re)invention of devotional traditions, reflects these changes, or what the effects of the Reformation where, when local and regional saints suddenly fell into disgrace, or had to 'survive' under different conditions, or in how far dynastic crises had repercussions for specific dynasty-linked devotions. Scholars from the Unfamiliarities of course can focus on the changing of borders during or after crises and the forced reorientations that took place, but also wonder in how far dynastic models from the past influences modern developments (like the role and influence of descendants from dynastic families in Romania, Albania, or even Italy) or how the re-invention or reinforcement of Hanseatic bonds deals with modern borders and Euregions. In the Cuius Regio project, that covers the longest period, and the widest geographical range, participants could focus on comparing different types of crises and different reactions, and/or different types and levels of 'expressions'.

To stimulate comparison the conference will be organized in thematic sessions, where preferably papers presented by members of different CRP's will be clustered around one topic, enabling comparison through time, space and aspect.

The conference is provisionally organized in six 120-minute-sessions of three papers each (3 x 30 minutes presentation plus 30 minutes discussion). These sessions are labeled after different types of crises, to be fine-tuned according to the proposals for papers that will be submitted. Two key-note speakers will be invited.

A short excursion to some historical monuments and places significant for the Transylvanian regional case, and relevant as material and special expressions of regional identity, is included in the program. The trip is an integral and functional part of the conference and a final decision regarding when, how long and where will be made after 30 January.

At the end of the conference a Business-meeting of the Scientific Committee will take place to prepare the activities and deliverables of the last half year of the program, and the preparation of the final reports.

- a) Provisional programme/agenda of the activity

Thursday 7 March

Arrival of participants

Friday 8 March

9-10.15 Keynotespeaker on the phenomenon of citizenship and crisis

10.15-10.45 coffee-break

10.45-12.45 session I (political/dynastic crises, a)

12.45-13.45 lunch

13.45-15.45 session II (mental/cultural crises)

15.45-16.15 tea break

16.15-18.15 session III (social crises)

18.30-20.30 dinner

(20.30-22.00 possibility for business-meeting per CRP; or first meeting of Scientific Board)

Saturday 9 March

9-10.15 Keynotespeaker on longitudinal crises, international relations and crises or economic institutionalism (10.15-10.45 coffee-break

10.45-12.45 session IV (political/dynastic crises, b)

12.45-13.45 lunch

13.45-15.45 session V (economic crises)

15.45-16.15 tea break

16.15-18.15 session VI (religious crises)

18.30-20.30 dinner

20.30-22.00 meeting Scientific Committee

Sunday 10 March,

Departure of participants

Proposals for papers, giving a title and a short description (max. ca. 150 words) to be sent to the contact persons by 30 Jan. 2013

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