

1st Iberoamerican Congress of Local History

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Local History is an essential branch of modern and contemporary historical analysis. However, its consideration in the profession as a whole and within the Humanities in general continues to be less, not having a pre-sence according to its relevance neither in the curricula nor in the research projects that are currently being developed in the academic and scientific fields of most universities. Its importance is, in any case, indisputable for a better understanding of historical reality, at least for the following reasons. In the first place, local history studies can serve as a basis for proposing working hypotheses with which to work in studies of a historical nature with a more regional, national or international focus. In the same way, they represent an ideal environment to verify and contrast the results of this type of research of a supralocal nature, that is, to corroborate on a micro scale the results obtained in studies of a more macro scope. They are also an ideal addition to more general historical research in methodological terms, since the local historical field is likely to be approached from very rich primary sources; or by sources of a secondary nature no less interesting (periodical publications, almanacs, local yearbooks, official newspapers, ...); or through oral history techniques; constituting a contribution in all cases to the methodological tools and sources available to History in general.

This congress aims to value Local History, especially in the fields of Economic History and Social History, giving it the place that, in the opinion of the organizers, it should have both in the field of Humanities and in the discipline itself of History, and therefore, in the best knowledge and understanding of modern and contemporary historical processes. To achieve this claim, 6 thematic lines have been organized around which the congress will be structured:

1. Sources for the study of Local Economic and Social History.
2. Institutions and economic and social organization in local historical perspective.
3. Oral history as a method for local historical analysis.
4. Capitalization, companies and entrepreneurs in modern and contemporary local history.
5. Processes and social relations at the local level in historical perspective.
6. Comparative local history: essays or methodological contributions.

Important Dates:

Submission of proposals (abstract: 300-600 words): Until November 30, 2022.

Acceptance of proposals by the organizers: Until December 10, 2022.

Delivery of full text / extended abstract: Until January 31, 2023.

Organization of the congress / presentations: February 15-16, 2023.