

CfP (Workshop): The Morisco Diaspora and Morisco Networks across the Western and Eastern Mediterranean

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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.

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