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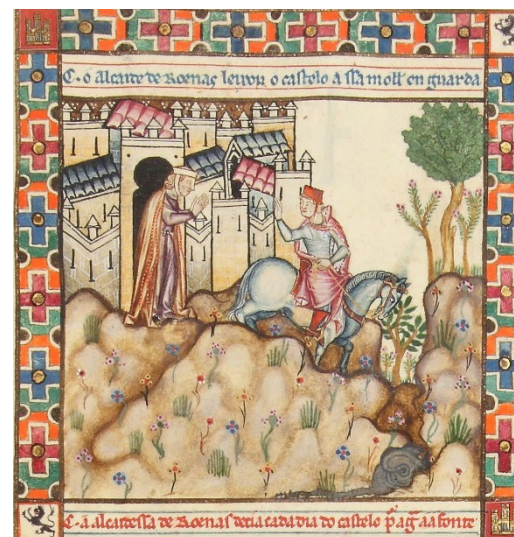
## NÁJERA 21 INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OF THE MIDDLE AGES

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## *MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND EXILES IN THE MEDIEVAL*

## *EUROPEAN CITY*

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS



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The *International Meetings of the Middle Ages of Nájera* has been proposed as an international congress in the field of study and dissemination of Medieval History since its creation in 2003, promoted by the City Council of Nájera and the Government of La Rioja.

The 21 edition of the Meetings is devoted to the theme:

### **MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND EXILES IN THE MEDIEVAL EUROPEAN CITY**

Migrants, refugees, and exiles were a heterogeneous and diverse group that contributed to the economic, social, political, and cultural dynamism in the medieval city. Economic crises, pandemics, invasions, political and religious persecutions, and wars caused significant movements of populations in search of refuge. Coming from different regions, religions and ethnicities, these people integrated into urban society more or less easily, depending on their personal, economic, social, gender circumstances and the historical conditions of the cities they arrived in. Some of them held important positions in commerce, crafts, administration or culture, while others suffered marginalization, exclusion or persecution. Migrant and refugee women faced a myriad of challenges, due to their sexual status and their experiences varied widely depending on their social position and geographical location. Women often found refuge in religious institutions, such as convents, which offered a semblance of protection and autonomy.

In addition, the colonies of foreigners, refugees and exiles in the medieval city were also made up of groups of merchants, artists, workers, intellectuals, politicians who moved for reasons of necessity or work. In the case of merchants, they settled in cities that had access to the sea or navigable rivers, or that were part of land trade routes where they could trade their products and make a profit. Foreigners contributed to the growth and prosperity of medieval cities, but they also had to face legal and social difficulties, such as paying taxes, competition from local guilds, and distrust of the inhabitants. To defend their interests, foreigners used to group together in colonies or nations, which had their own rules, privileges, and authorities. Coexistence between natives and foreigners was not always peaceful, and conflicts, tensions and violence often disturbed public order. However, there were also spaces for exchange, collaboration and tolerance that favoured mutual enrichment and social cohesion. These population movements not only changed the demographics of the time, but also influenced the economic, social, and political development of Europe in late Middle Ages.

In conclusion, migration, whatever its cause, contributed to the revitalization and enrichment of urban life, but it also generated conflicts and tensions with the local inhabitants that will be discussed at these 21 International Meetings of the Middle Ages in Nájera.

### **COMMUNICATION PROPOSALS**

The **deadline for submissions** is **October 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

Abstracts should be no more than 500 words and should clearly state the purpose, thesis, sources, methodology, and principal findings of the paper to be presented, and short BIO (250 words). This information should be submitted electronically by email at: [neim@unican.es](mailto:neim@unican.es)

The scientific languages of the meetings are Spanish, English, German, French, Portuguese and Italian.

The Meetings will be held in person. The virtual modality will only be reserved for those communicators who reside outside Spain and Portugal.

Each speaker will have 20 minutes to make their presentation and, mandatorily, the Power Point must be written in English.

Papers will be published in a monographic book after being approved by the external reviewers.

### **PROF. TEÓFILO F. RUIZ GRANTS AND SPANISH SOCIETY OF MEDIEVAL STUDIES (SEEM) GRANTS**

Oral Speakers who participate in the Meetings in person may request the following Grants:

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- ❖ SEEM: [info@medievalistas.es](mailto:info@medievalistas.es)

### **REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE**

Registration for attendees (oral speakers are exempt) must be made before **November 27**, sending the name and surname, address and email to: [neim@unican.es](mailto:neim@unican.es).

Face-to-face attendance will entitle you to a diploma of attendance, which might be validated for 1 ECTS credit (25 hours) according to the regulations of each university.

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