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Call for Papers and Sessions

The deadline for paper and session proposals is April 15, 2024

The ESSHC is a biennial International Conference, organized by *The International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam*, that brings together historians and other scholars from across the world who are interested in studying the past using the methods of the Social Sciences. The programme is organised around Networks, each of which organizes panel sessions (including collaborative sessions with other networks): some of these are period-based, some based on geographical area, and some focused on themes or methods. You can find further information about the ESSHC on the web:

<https://esshc.iisg.amsterdam/en>

The ESSHC has had a Middle Ages Network, which has become the main regular forum for discussions of Medieval Social History, an opportunity to meet scholars from other countries, as well as to see what's happening in other periods and other fields. The network is currently co-chaired by Jelle Haemers (University of Leuven) and Jesús Ángel Solorzano-Telechea (University of Cantabria)

The network Middle Ages focus on many aspects of historical enquiry between the fall of Rome and the Renaissance. It gives priority to papers studying the social history of the Middle Ages, and the use of social theory in medieval studies. We believe that the use of comparisons between periods and regions can strengthen our discipline. Finally, we want to be a forum where new sources and methods for the many branches of rural history can be tested and discussed.



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We invite proposals for panel sessions and individual papers for the next meeting of the ESSHC in Leiden (Netherlands) in 2025.

The **deadline** for paper and session proposals is **April 15, 2024**

Panel sessions last two hours, and generally involve four or three papers on a specific theme, with or without a discussant, and with a chair. Ideally, panel contributors should come from a mix of countries, and certainly a mix of universities. The particular focus of our network is comparative: first, it brings together medievalists working on the crossroads of social, economic, political and cultural history; second, it looks at different areas across Europe and the wider Mediterranean world, and the relations with the plurality of Medieval worlds as well. Nevertheless, we will be happy to discuss any ideas you wish to put forward. We are particularly interested in proposals for inter-disciplinary and comparative panels. The earlier you contact us, the more advice we will be able to offer.

There is also scope for proposing an **individual paper**, of roughly 20 minutes, if you do not wish to organise a whole panel. If your proposal is accepted, we may put you in touch with the organiser of a relevant session, to see if your paper could be accommodated there, or we may seek to put together a composite panel of individual submissions. Again, the sooner you contact us to discuss your ideas or submit your proposal, the better.

The conference language is English.

Important note: Proposals for panel sessions or individual papers need to be submitted via the ESSHC website using their online pre-registration form by **15 April 2024** in order to be considered, even if you have been discussing the idea with us. Panel organisers need to ensure that all participants in their panels have sent in their abstracts and pre-registered by the deadline, with an indication of the name of the session to which their paper belongs.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss proposing a paper or a panel.

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