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RESTORY - Recovering Past Stories for the Future: A Synergistic Approach to Textual and Oral Heritage of Small Communities

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Thursday 30 October

09h10

Inaugural session

09h30 – Keynote speaker

Adinel C. Dincă Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca
'The Pen is Mightier than the Sword': Legal Literacy, Community, Gender, and Resistance in Late Medieval Transylvania

Keynote presentation and moderation of the scientific discussion by
José Pedro Paiva Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

Coffee break

Session 1

Chair: Guðmundur Hálfðánarson University of Iceland

10h50 – 11h50

Jani Koçillari University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Department of History, Tirana
Forgotten Traces of Dendae: Resilience and Continuity in the Hinterland of Roman Dyrrachium

Yurii Zazuliak Philippe Schwarz Fellow, University of Leipzig, Germany
Perambulation of Boundaries, Village Communities, and Local Tradition in Poland-Lithuania during the 15th-16th Centuries

Ana Isabel Lopes CITCEM/FLUP
Memory, Cooperation and Local Action in the Governance of Coastal Risks in Northwestern Portugal (16th-19th centuries)

11h40 – 12h30 Discussion

Lunch

Session 2

Chair: Ana Rita Rocha Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

14h00 – 15h20

Rémi Demoen Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne

Preserving the town and its inhabitants. the administrative, economic and social constants of solidarity in the towns of Touraine during the Wars of Religion

Alexandru Ștefan Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, TRANS.SCRIPT Centre

Crown and Commune. The Interplay of Royal Authority and Local Governance for Saving Sighișoara's Citadel in the Early 16th Century

Livia Potop Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

Traces of Resilience: Book Annotations in Early Modern Sighișoara

Antoniuy Moysey; Igor Gerush Bukovinian State Medical University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine

Civic Religion and Lay Literacy in the Suburban Community of Rosha, Chernivtsi, during the Formation of Institutional Structures

15h20 – 16h20 Discussion

Coffee break

16h40 – 17h40

Line M. Bonde; Martin Wangsgaard Jürgensen The National Museum of Denmark / University of Copenhagen

'Here's looking at you': Visual community building and rural parish churches in the long 12th century

Maria Frînc Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

Sebeș, a Town in Transylvania Facing Danger. Strategies of Solidarity among the Transylvanian Saxons in the Middle Ages

Ștefania Ghișa Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

Shapeshifting Parishes: Building Resilience within the Sibiu Chapter (15th-16th Centuries)

17h40 – 18h25 Discussion

20h30 Dinner

Friday 31 October

09h30 – Keynote speaker

Maria do Rosário Morujão Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

The cathedral chapter schools in medieval Portugal (from the eleventh to the fifteenth century)

**Keynote presentation and moderation of the scientific discussion by
Maria Helena da Cruz Coelho**, Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

Coffee break

Session 1

Chair: Joana Antunes Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

10h40 – 12h00

Robin Moens KU Leuven

Creating (Comm)unity in Times of Division. Strategies of Solidarity Deployed by the Cathedral Chapter of Liège in the 12th Century

Maria Amélia Campos Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

Organisational Dynamics and Crisis Management in Two Communities: The Coimbra Cathedral Chapter and the University Council, c.1450-1550

Ana Rita Mendes; Luís Dias; Rodrigo Carvalho Master students, FLUC

First Insights into the Book of Agreements of the Coimbra Cathedral Chapter, c.1451–1498

Dávid Molnár Senior Research Fellow, University of Tokaj, Sárospatak

Survival Strategies Described by the Rector of an Elementary School under Ottoman Occupation (1558)

12h00 – 13h00 Discussion

Lunch

Session 2

Chair: Saul António Gomes Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

14h20 – 15h20

Ana Rita Rocha Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

Cohesion and resilience in a small hospital community: the leper house of Coimbra (13th-15th centuries)

Mihkel Mäesalu University of Tartu, Institute of History and Archaeology

Branded as apostates. Recovering the aims of 14th-century Estonian rebels

Gonzalo Carrasco-García Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Madrid, Spain

Strategies of Resistance and Accommodation of the Subject Muslims of the Order of Santiago in Late-Medieval Castile

15h20 – 16h20 Discussion

Coffee break

16h40 – 17h20

Fábio Duarte IHC-FCSH

Masters and servants: service and solidarity in Portugal during the Ancien Régime

Eduardo Angel Cruz KU Leuven

The Saint and the Tortured Dog: Afro-Latin Solidarities and Inverted Symbols of Power in Colonial Spanish Households

17h20 – 17h50 Discussion

17h50 – Closure

20h30 Dinner

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Conference location: Amphitheatre III - 4th floor (Main entrance floor of the building).

Coffee break location: corridor of the 3rd floor.

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