

M23	ROUTES OF COMMERCE AND FOREIGN MERCHANTS SETTLEMENTS IN MEDITERRANEAN PORTS AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN CITIES: 14TH-19TH CENTURIES
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Description

Routes of commerce, routes of emigration; this is often the hypothesis and the outcome of most research work done relative to Mediterranean port cities and migrant communities. Does this hypothesis hold true also for central and east Europe? This is the major issue of the session, aiming to promote comparative analysis and discussion of foreign merchants permanent settlements in Mediterranean and European cities, from early modern period up to 19th century establishment of nation-states.

Five are the major questions around which the proposed papers will be elaborated:

- i) which are the characteristics of these commercial routes (fairs, products, commercial privileges, accessibility like rivers or ports, family networking, specific skills and techniques, etc) that become platforms of immigration?
- ii) which are the characteristics of the foreign merchants settlements, in physical and organisational terms as well as their territorial scale (regarding commercial, residential and religious activities)?
- iii) which is the localization process and the urban strategy of these foreigners' groups; and which are the new commercial spaces and buildings built by them (such as loggias, porticos, fondaci, banchi etc.)?
- iv) which are the principal institutional and juridical ways pursued by foreign colonies in order to get established and safeguard their interests; and do they have a special location?
- v) which are the available sources for this complex type of comparative studies?

Research in both Mediterranean and European cities on foreign merchant settlements is quite broad and fairly rich, regarding both the Great Diaspora groups (Jews, Greeks and Armenians) and the great mercantile nations (Florentines, Lombards, Venetians, Genovese, Provençals, Marsalis, Catalans, etc); but what is missing most, as usual, is comparative research and analysis. The aim of this session is exactly to bring forward such a possibility and outcome.

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- 1353 "GEWÖLBHERREN" UND "KAMMERHERREN" – FLORENTINE AND SOUTHERN GERMAN MERCHANTS IN FIFTEEN-CENTURY BUDA**
Krisztina Arany (National Archives of Hungary, Budapest, Hungary)
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Bruno Škreblin (Croatian Institute of History, Department of Medieval History, Zagreb, Croatia)
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Stefania Montemezzo (University of Verona, Economics, Verona, Italy)
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Iakovos Michailidis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece)
Eleni G. Gavra (University Of Western Macenodia, Florina, Greece)
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Francesco Ammannati (University of Florence, Economics, Florence, Italy)
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