

CALL FOR PAPERS

9th International Conference of the Series:
IBERIAN AND SLAVONIC CULTURES IN CONTACT AND COMPARISON

entitled

RETHINKING NEGATIVITY

19 - 21 May, 2015

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The main objective of the Conference is to map the expressions of negation and their cultural meanings within the Iberian-Slavonic perspective. While revisiting Studies on Negation/Negation Studies, there will be a particular focus on two leading aspects of negation: ANTI and CONTRA. An additional goal will be to search for the middle ground between these two poles of negativity, i.e. between ANTI, understood as a more aggressive and pro-destructive attitude, and CONTRA, seen as a kind of rationale for the process of negation, more readily ending in a compromise and in a conflict solution. Thus, the transition from ANTI to CONTRA will be our main focus this year.

These two objectives will make our debate complement the current CLEPUL-FLUL international project “Culture(s) in the Negative”, accessible at <http://www.culturasegativo.net/Ptg/ViewContent/1>, so we welcome all Iberian, Portuguese, Lusophone, Hispanic, Ibero-American and Slavonic case studies, above all (although not limited to) Iberian-

Slavonic interactions resulting in attitudes of negation and processes of their overcoming.

The Conference will be held from 19th to 21st May, 2015 at the Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon, and will be truly international in its outlook, mapping the Iberian and Slavonic approaches to the category of negation, and promoting an Iberian-Slavonic debate on both its historical and more recent concepts, as well as on the corresponding cultural imprints.

With the focus on literary, historical, philosophical and linguistic aspects, the Conference especially welcomes psychological and sociological evidence of the processes of overcoming the above-mentioned Slavonic and Iberian expressions of negativity.

As the central event of the 9th Week of the Iberian-Slavonic Cultural Cooperation (15th - 22nd May, 2015), also held at the Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon, the Conference will, together with the accompanying activities (a round table, a workshop, an evening of Iberian-Slavonic poetry, an exhibition, etc.), also offer an excellent opportunity to reflect on contemporary methodologies of Reading the Other, as well as to dedicate special time to the launch of a new Research Group of CompaRes, “Iberian and Slavonic Cultures in the Negative(s)”, and to the presentation of the Project “BEICCCS – Bridging Iberian and Slavonic Cultures through Cultural Contribution of Slavs”.

THEMATIC AREAS

(include, but are not restricted to, the following Iberian-Slavonic perspectives)

- I. Comparing the state-of-the-art of the studies on cultural negations.
- II. “Anti-Slavism” and/or “Anti-Iberianism”? Discussing the terms and their cultural dimensions.
- III. Collective and individual experiences of “Black Myths”.
- IV. Mirror reflections and historical chains of ANTI against ANTI.
- V. Cultural transitions and transformations between ANTI and CONTRA.
- VI. Negation as part of the Reading the Other methodology in contemporary Iberian and Slavonic cultures.
- VII. ANTI and its dynamics in history, philosophy and literature: anti-heroes and anti-canons.
- VIII. Translating voices of negation.
- IX. Religious dimensions of ANTI and CONTRA.
- X. Negation Studies and InterArts.
- XI. Linguistic approaches to negation.
- XII. Discourse of negation vs. Discourse on negation.
- XIII. Methodologies of negation within the Studies of the Other.
- XIV. Constructing and deconstructing identity through negatives.
- XV. Dialectics of positivity.

Paper proposals

Abstracts of a maximum of **250 words** with **5 keywords**, intended for a **20 minute** presentation, should be submitted using the attached **pre-registration form**.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **15th February, 2015**.

Only proposals submitted by filling in the entire pre-registration form will be accepted.

Reception of completed applications will be acknowledged by e-mail.

Selection

The Scientific Committee will select paper proposals and inform on their decision by **15th March, 2015**.

Languages

English, Spanish and Portuguese are the official languages of the Conference, so abstracts can be submitted, and papers delivered, in any of these three languages.

Papers in Portuguese should also present their title in English.

However, if requested, the use of Slavonic and other Iberian languages may be considered.

Authors are kindly requested not to exceed the 20-minute time allocation.

Publication

A selection of the papers presented during the Conference may be included into the two planned CLEPUL publications:

1. The Thematic Dossier of the Yearbook *IberoSlavica 2015* for the papers in English;
2. An e-book monograph for the papers in Portuguese.

The deadline for the submission of papers is **15th July, 2015**.

Papers should be written and edited according to the **CompaRespapertemplate** (*online*), and entitled “**paperproposal_IBS9_authorsurname_EN**”.

All articles will be peer-reviewed.

Further information is available at www.iberian-slavonic.eu.

Registration

The registration period will start at the **beginning of April 2015**. The registration fee is **50€** before **30th April, 2015**, and **60€** after that date. The fee includes conference materials, lunches and coffee/tea.

The organizers can only provide financial assistance to keynote-speakers, so self-proposed participants are kindly requested to cover their own travel, accommodation and other expenses.

Updates on the conference

Updates on the Conference, including the Conference Programme, will be sent from April 2015 on. They are also available on the conference website <http://www.iberian-slavonic.eu>.

Should you have any other queries concerning the Conference, please contact us at compares.ibs9@gmail.com. We will be happy to reply and help!

Organising Institutions

CompaRes – International Society for Iberian-Slavonic Studies

CLEPUL – Centre of Lusophone and European Literatures and Cultures of the Faculty of Letters of the University of Lisbon

CISCR-ICS – Commission for Iberian-Slavonic Comparative Research at the International Committee of Slavists

Promoting Institutions

IECC-PMA – European Institute for Cultural Sciences “Padre Manuel Antunes”

CRCEES – Centre for Russian, Central and East-European Studies, University of Glasgow

Spanish Association for Iberian-Slavonic Studies

Spanish Association of Slavists

Associated Institutions

Camões Institute

Cervantes Institute

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