

Migrations and societies in Africa and the Middle East: a long term perspective

Call for papers

The organizational committee invites scholars to submit abstracts for papers. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **1 December 2011**. The deadline for submission of papers will be 1 May 2012. Abstracts can be sent to Mrs. Astrid Verburg, IISH secretariat (ave@iisg.nl). Guidelines for contributions:

- Paper proposals should in principal be historical in the sense that they deal with longer periods of time or compare current developments with earlier ones.
- Paper proposals should engage with the theoretical and conceptual framework as set out above.
- Where possible papers should reflect on ways to quantify types of migrations in relation to the total population of a given area as this is essential for a proper assessment of the importance of cross-community migration in its entirety and as well as in its constituent parts.

Organization

The conference has been made possible by a most generous grant from the [World History Center of the University of Pittsburgh](#) as well as by a grant of the [NIMAR](#). This conference will extend the scope from Eurasia to Africa and the Middle East.

The Rabat conference is organized by a group of historians, committed to a truly comparative history of human mobility from a long-term and global perspective. The theoretical and empirical implications of such an endeavor have been explored in a [series of conferences](#), of which the Rabat conference will be the fourth in line. Earlier conferences addressed the following topics:

- **Wassenaar (the Netherlands)**, see J. Lucassen/ L.Lucassen/ P.Manning, eds., *Migration History in World History. Multidisciplinary approaches*, Brill Publishers 2010, paperback 2011;
- **Minneapolis / St. Paul (USA)**, see U. Bosma / G. Kessler/ L. Lucassen, eds., *Migration and Membership Regimes in a Global and Historical Perspective*, submitted to Brill Publishers, forthcoming 2012;
- **Taipei (Taiwan)**: the theme of this conference was the reconstruction of mobility in Asia over the last five centuries following the proposal made by J. Lucassen and L. Lucassen ['The mobility transition revisited 1500-1900', *Journal of Global History*, 4 (2009) 4, 347-377; see also the forthcoming discussion dossier about this article with A. McKeown, L. Moch, J. van Lottum and J. Ehmer in the *Journal of Global History* 6 (2011) 2]. This will result in J. Lucassen / L. Lucassen, eds., *Globalising Migration History. The Eurasian Experience, 16th to 21st centuries*, forthcoming at Brill Publishers 2012/2013.

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