

Call for Papers for the EuroMeSCo Annual Conference 2019

18-19 June, Barcelona

DEADLINE: 23 APRIL

The objective of this call is to select the paper proposals to be presented at the parallel thematic sessions of the EuroMeSCo Annual Conference 2019 “Civil Society and Social Movement in the Euro-Mediterranean Region”. The Conference will be held on 18-19 June in Barcelona.

The paper proposals should be related to one of the three following topics:

1. The Spatiality of Social Movements: Cities at the Frontline

While social movements in the Euro-Mediterranean region may have in many cases a strong local dimension, they acquire most of their salience through urban expressions. Cities across the Euro-Mediterranean region have not only hosted these movements, they have also represented as such an object of contention as illustrated by the “right to the city” slogan. Various forms of urban movements have challenged the governance of public spaces. In a comparative Euro-Mediterranean perspective, among other issues, paper proposals could relate to the following questions:

What are the various forms of urban activisms?

What are the common features of those movements in northern and southern Mediterranean?

To what extent are they connected?

What sort of governance issues does it raise for authorities?

2. Civil Society and Online Connectivity

The growth of digital space has unleashed the potential for increased activism of civil society across the Euro-Mediterranean region. The virtual connectivity through a number of online platforms enabled civil society to join forces and advocate for changes. At the same time, the digitalisation brought new questions, of a need to re-define the public sphere and to review the social contract. While optimism prevails, many argue that the digital space has also allowed the governments to enhance their control over civil society and social movements. Against this background, among other issues, paper proposals could relate to the following questions:

To what extent online activism translates into changes on the ground?

Are there any limitations to online activism?

How could governments exploit the online space to embrace the civil society in the policy making?

3. Civil Society’s Role in Promoting Migrants’ Rights and Inclusion

Due to the rapid increase of migration flows to Southern Mediterranean countries and Europe over the last years and the shortcomings of policy responses, civil society has been at the frontline in promoting migrants rights in migration policies (including at the EU level) and in acting accordingly be it in rescue operations or in addressing needs in terms of reception and inclusion. Among other issues, paper proposals could relate to the following questions:

What has driven the increased engagement of civil society towards the migrants?

To what extent the actions of civil society have impacted the policy responses?

How could civil society actors and national/sub-national administrations better cooperate towards addressing challenges related to the integration of migrants and refugees

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ELIGIBILITY

The Call for Papers is open to experts and researchers affiliated to institutes from the EuroMeSCo network.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The participants will first submit a Proposal Form. This will include a short description of the paper proposed (up to 350 words). The Proposal Form may be submitted in English or in French. The Proposal Form shall be sent to Aleksandra Chmielewska (achmielewska@iemed.org) at the Secretariat of EuroMeSCo by **23 April 2019**.

A Jury, formed for this purpose by the members of the Steering Committee and of the EuroMeSCo ENI Project consortium, will select a maximum of 9 paper proposals according to the interest of the topics chosen and the added value of the proposals for the Euro-Mediterranean policy.

The paper proposals presented shall be adjusted in light of the debates held at the conference and submitted to the EuroMeSCo Academic Secretariat within a maximum period of 5 months following the Annual Conference. Each paper should have a length of 8.000- 9.000 words, excluding final references. It should have high scientific and technical quality and should be an original work, not previously published. The papers will be reviewed by experts from the EuroMeSCo network.

Each paper will be awarded with €750 net, paid by the IEMed upon submission of the definitive document.

CALENDAR

The contest will consist of the following phases:

- 1st Phase: Launch of the Call for Papers: 18 March 2019
- 2nd Phase: Deadline for paper proposals submission: 23 April 2019
- 3rd Phase: Notification on paper proposals acceptance: 5 May 2019
- 4th Phase: Submission of the concept notes (between 2-3 pages) of the paper proposals: 3 June 2019
- 5th Phase: Presentation of the preliminary document at the EuroMeSCo Annual Conference: 18 June 2019
- 6th Phase: Submission of the paper by the **30 November 2019 at the latest**
- 7th Phase: Review and publication of the EuroMeSCo Paper: January 2020 – May 2020

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