

SECOND *COLLOQUIA CERANEA* INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
24-26 APRIL 2020, CERANEUM CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF ŁÓDŹ

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We cordially invite you to participate in the international scholarly conference *Colloquia Ceranea II*, which will be held **April 24–26, 2020** at The Waldemar Ceran Research Centre for the History and Culture of the Mediterranean Area and South-East Europe “Ceraneum”, University of Łódź, Poland.

The conference is targeted at scholars who study the history and culture of the Mediterranean (the Greco-Roman world, the Byzantine Empire, the Slavic world, the Balkans), the Middle East, and the Caucasus over the period from Antiquity to the Early Modern Times.

During *Colloquia Ceranea II*, we wish to focus particularly on the following topics:

- Food and Medicine from Antiquity to the Early Modern Period
- Polemical Literature in Byzantium and *Slavia Orthodoxa*
- Realia and Imagination in Byzantine Rhetorical Texts
- An Ethnic and Religious Potpourri – the Eastern Border of the Byzantine Empire (4th–11th Century). Policy, Religion, Culture
- *Translatorica Mediaevalia*. The Role of Translations in the Culture of South-East Europe and the Mediterranean
- State Administration in the Early Byzantine Period (AD 284–641)
- Rivalry and Cooperation in the Medieval Balkans and the Mediterranean

Four plenary lectures will be delivered. Our keynote speakers are:

Prof. Albrecht Berger (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

Prof. Ivan Biliarsky (Българска Академия на Науките)

Prof. Philip van der Eijk (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Prof. Marcello Garzaniti (Università degli Studi di Firenze)

Papers beyond the scope of the aforementioned subject areas will also be accepted, especially if they are related to:

- ✦ material culture and everyday life,
- ✦ historical and political geography,
- ✦ peace and war studies,
- ✦ society, mores and social norms,
- ✦ education,
- ✦ language,
- ✦ art and visual culture,
- ✦ cultural unity and diversity, continuity and innovations,
- ✦ the history of the Church and religious movements,
- ✦ political culture and ideology,
- ✦ historiography and perception of the past from Antiquity to the present day,
- ✦ the state and its organization.

We encourage you to submit proposals of a thematic group (or thematic groups) organised around one specific topic (i.e. thematic panels). We expect each panel to consist of a minimum of 3 speakers. Individual submissions are also welcome.

We are deeply convinced that the event will result in lively discussion and an invigorating exchange of ideas, leading to a genuine intellectual interaction – perhaps the key element of any scholarly conference.

Proposals of the panel topics (including the list of panel speakers) as well as individual submissions should be sent by **January 15, 2020** to [colloquia.ceranea@uni.lodz.pl](mailto:colloquia.ceranea@uni.lodz.pl). The application forms are available on the website: <http://ceraneum.uni.lodz.pl/colloquia>

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Papers ought to be presented in English. Other languages are also accepted, provided that the speaker prepares an English hand-out (or multimedia presentation) outlining the main points of the talk.

The conference fee is 250 PLN (Polish złoty). Accommodation starting from ca. 130 PLN per night is available in the vicinity of the conference centre. The conference fee may be reduced; please contact us in advance.

Papers, provided they meet the applicable requirements, will be published in article format in *Studia Ceranea*, a yearly journal indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection (Emerging Sources Citation Index), EBSCOhost, and a number of other databases.