

ISECS International Seminar for Junior Eighteenth Century Scholars

The International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS) invites applications from scholars in all fields of eighteenth-century studies within the context of a one-week International Seminar for Junior Eighteenth-Century Scholars. In 2009, the meeting will take place in Lisbon (Portugal) and will be organized by the Portuguese National Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. The seminar will be held from **Monday the 21st to Friday the 26th of September 2009** in Lisbon, under the direction of Maria Helena Carvalho Dos Santos (Universidade Nova de Lisboa).

The theme proposed is **Europe and the Colonial World**.

The general theme should be envisaged within a multi-disciplinary perspective which will include the history and literature of travel and the history of ideas, as well as questions related to the economy and to the relations between the metropolis and its colonies, regions and empires. Contributions might also consider phenomena of cultural exchange in all their possible forms: hybridization, appropriations, encounters and dialogues with other cultures, the imposition of norms emanating from the colonial power, ideological violence. Also under consideration may be the confrontation between different political and religious ideas and schools of thought, as well as the processes of circulation of both material goods – books, newspapers and objects of daily life -, and of people – travelers, diplomats, traders. Finally, contributions should consider the ways in which Europe or the European Nations behaved in the Eighteenth Century with respect to the colonial world, and how in return the colonial world reacted to Europe.

Travel and accommodation

Accommodation will be provided in full by the organizers. Lunch will be served on site. Partial reimbursement of travel costs may be possible depending on the financial support the seminar receives and the needs of the participants; but payment of travel costs cannot be guaranteed and applicants are encouraged to seek other sources of funding for this purpose.

Submission of Proposals

The seminar is limited to 12 to 15 participants. The proposals (approx. 2 pages, single-spaced) should be based on an original research project (e.g. a doctoral dissertation) that deals with one of the aspects mentioned above. Because this is a seminar rather than a conference, each participant will be given approximately one hour to present the texts and questions that will then form the basis of a group discussion. Preference will be given to scholars who are at the beginning of their academic career (PhD or equivalent for less than six years). The official languages are French and English.

Applications should include the following information:

- a brief *curriculum vitae* with date of PhD (or equivalent)
- a list of principal publications and scholarly presentations
- a brief description of the proposed paper (approx. 2 pages, single-spaced)
- one letter of recommendation

The deadline for abstracts is **February 25, 2009**.

Applications should be sent either by mail or by e-mail to one of the following addresses:

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