



2023 Call for Papers

The 25th Annual International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association will be held on May 31 – June 3, 2023, at **Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.**

We are now accepting proposals for individual papers, panel discussions, and complete sessions on all subjects related to the Mediterranean region and Mediterranean cultures around the world from all historical periods. The official language of the Congress is English, but we also welcome complete panel sessions in any Mediterranean language.

The Congress will open with a plenary session and reception on the evening of Wednesday, May 31. Over the next three days, 150-200 scholarly papers will be delivered before an international audience of scholars, academics, and experts in a wide range of fields. We are currently planning events for Congress

participants that will highlight the history and unique cultural aspects of Brno, Czech Republic.

Guidelines for Submission of Proposals for Individual Papers or Panel Sessions

1. Individual Paper. You may submit a proposal for an individual 20-minute paper on any Mediterranean topic or theme. Papers accepted for presentation will be placed in a 3 or 4-person two-hour session, grouped thematically, with a designated session chair who will briefly introduce speakers and facilitate discussion. Submit a 150-word abstract in English for your proposed paper, a one-page CV, your name, institution, email, regular address, and phone number. We are always in need of panel chairs to introduce speakers and facilitate discussion. When you submit your individual paper proposal, you will be asked whether you are interested in being considered to chair a panel.

2. Panel Session. You may submit a proposal for a complete four-paper session or round table panel on any Mediterranean topic or theme. Sessions are two hours and typically include four papers, each lasting twenty minutes, a chair, and an optional commentator. (For examples of paper, round-table panels, and session topics, and the range of subjects, see programs from previous congresses available on our website www.mediterraneanstudies.org) Given the challenge of finding an ample number of rooms at the conference venue, we strongly encourage submission of 4-paper sessions. If you submit a 3-paper session, the organizers reserve the right to add a fourth paper on a related topic from the general call for papers. If your participants fail to register by the deadline, the Program Committee will replace them with other papers on a related topic. Submit a 150-word abstract in English for each paper, and a one-page CV for each participant, including chairs and commentators, as well as each participant's name, institution, email, regular address, and phone number. Proposals for complete sessions or roundtables need to include the chair's name.

3. Deadline. The deadline for preliminary submissions is **April 1, 2023**. Submissions received after April 1, but before May 1, will be considered if space is available in the program.

4. Language of Presentation. If you are giving your paper in a language other than English, please contact the program committee chair and submit your title and abstract in both English and the language in which you will be presenting.

5. Dates of Congress. The MSA will hold paper sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Saturday is full conference day, and you should not plan to travel before Sunday morning unless you are certain that your paper is not on Saturday afternoon. We will still honor special time requests for medical, religious, or other serious reasons if the request is made by March 1, 2023.

6. Remote Participation. We strive to offer a rich and stimulating in-person conference for participants. However, we recognize that there may be exceptional cases where a participant is unable to attend in person. In such cases, participants should notify the program committee as soon as possible, and before April 15, 2023, so that accommodations for remote participation can be arranged.

7. Submission of Proposals. All proposals for individual papers or panel sessions must be submitted through the [MSA website](#).

Email questions: info@mediterraneanstudies.org

Membership and Registration

All accepted participants must be 2023 members of the MSA and must also register for the congress. Early registration will be available until February 1, 2023. Late registration will be available until April 15, 2023. Please be advised that if you have not registered by April 15, 2023, your paper will not be listed in the program. Registrations are NON REFUNDABLE.

Publication

After the congress, you are encouraged to submit your revised and expanded paper for publication consideration in the Association's double-blind, peer-reviewed journal, *Mediterranean Studies*, published by Penn State University Press.

Hope to see you in Brno, Czech Republic!

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