

The colloquium will consist of three discussion and debate sessions moderated by Jan Dumolyn (U. Gent), Juan Vicente García (U. València), and Jessica Dijkman (U. Utrecht). Young researchers from Spanish, Belgian and Italian universities will present 20-minute communications. The first session will focus on State and the deployment of mercantile policies as a way of minimizing transaction costs and stimulating trust among financial and mercantile operators. The second one will center on agents' identity and economic behaviours, and the role of individuals in the articulation of market spaces. The last one will approach to informal structures of exchange, and networks and mechanisms of 'international' and inter-confessional cooperation.

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Identity Economics

A comparative perspective on the
Crown of Aragon and the Low
Countries (13th-16th centuries)

This colloquium brings together young historians of different periods and contexts in order to explore the possibilities of 'identity economics' to explain regional disparities within the expansionist dynamics in Europe immediately preceding the First Global Age. We will explore 'identity' from a comparative approach to the Crown of Aragon and the Low Countries in 1250-1550; two territories that exemplify the trends and contradictions of an economic system under construction, which gathers from the Mediterranean Sea to Northern Europe.

Wednesday 7

Opening (15h30)

16h State and the deployment of mercantile policies Jan Dumolyn (Universiteit Gent)

From the hostility to the community of all things. Trade and cross-border businessmen after the War of the Two Peters. Carlos Crespo Amat (Universidad de Alicante)

Burghership and economic identity in thirteenth-century Flanders. Leen Bervoets (Ghent University)

Wealth management, network formation, and political power. The investment behaviour of Ghent's political elites and its ramifications on the forging of social networks in times of economic growth and recession (16th century). Jelten Baguet (Vrije Universiteit Brussel – Universiteit Gent)

City Walk (19h)



Thursday 8

10h30 Agent's identity and economic behaviours Juan Vicente García Marsilla (Universitat de València)

Gender distribution of real state in the city of Huesca (Crown of Aragon), 13th century. María Jesús García Arnal (Universidad de Zaragoza)

Considering a comparative method – women's labour positions in late medieval towns. Nena Vandeweerd (University of Leuven)

Coffee break (11h30-12h)

« Les choses de grans preus » and female identity. Use and consumption of luxury by women of the monarchy in the Crown of Aragon and the Low Countries. Lledó Ruiz Domingo (Universitat de València)

In the search of the medieval room. Private space specialisation in the city of Valencia and its hinterland (13th-15th Centuries). Luis Almenar Fernández and Antonio Belenguier González (Universitat de València)

15h30 Informal structures of exchange Jessica Dijkman (Universiteit Utrecht)

Corporate identity of Catalan-Aragonese mercantile elite in the first half of the 15th century. María Viu Fandos and Sandra de la Torre Gonzalo (Universidad de Zaragoza)

The Navarros. Valencian merchants in the Sardinia of the XV century. Giuseppe Seche (Università di Cagliari)

German immigration in mediaeval Barcelona: the beginning of trade and craft development before the "Dret dels Alemanys" (1380-1420). Iván Casado Novas (Universidad de Barcelona)

Jewish convert merchants in the silk markets: an economic identity? (1480-1520). Ángel Rozas Español (Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha)

Closing remarks (19h)