

9th European Sociological Association Conference

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European Society **or** European Societies?

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE WELCOME TO LISBOA



The 9th Conference of the European Sociological Association will be held in Lisboa between 2 and 5 of September 2009. The Conference is being organised by a consortium including three Portuguese university and research institutions - the Department of Sociology of ISCTE-Lisboa University Institute (the leading institution of the consortium), the Human and Social Sciences School of the New University of Lisboa (FCSH-UNL), the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisboa (ICS-UL) - and the Portuguese Sociological Association (APS).

This conference has received the highest number of abstract proposals in the history of ESA Conferences. For the local organizing committee this is both an extremely stimulating starting point and a challenge.

We are very proud and eager to receive our colleagues, hoping to have fruitful discussions and also enjoyable days.

Information regarding the programme of the conference, including deadlines for registration as well as accommodation and social activities is available through the Conference site www.esa9thconference.com.

On behalf of all those who are working and committed to make this a successful event, we look forward to welcoming you to Lisboa !

The Local Organising Committee

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

The topic of the Conference is "European Society or European Societies?" The aim is to consider whether we can look at European society as an increasingly cohesive entity or whether divisions of nation, class, ethnicity, region, gender and so on continue to be more salient. Traditionally, the nation state has been explicitly or implicitly the unit of analysis in European sociology. But is the nation state the most appropriate unit through which to explore European society or should we be trying to find other perspectives? This raises the issue of whether there is convergence or divergence between regions in the European area.

A particular focus of the Conference will be upon the role of sociology in helping to understand the European area and how sociologists from different countries and different traditions can work together to meet this challenge.

Claire Wallace, President of ESA



LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE



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CONFERENCE VENUE

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All semi-plenary sessions and the majority of sessions of the Research Networks and Research Streams will take place at ISCTE. Some will take place at the ICS-UL building, nearby.

AULA MAGNA

The Opening Plenary Session, the Special Plenary Session as well as the Closing Plenary Session will take place at the Aula Magna of the University of Lisboa. The Aula Magna is located within short walking distance from the ISCTE.



ABOUT LISBOA



Lisboa's location, spread over seven low hills, overlooking the river Tejo, once lured traders and settlers, and continues to be a stunning site.

Add to that the cultural diversity, a pleasantly temperate climate all year-round and a people that by longstanding tradition offer visitors a warm welcome. Medieval Alfama is the charming and oldest part of the city with its maze-like streets, crowned by the impressive Castelo de São Jorge. The Baixa's commercial avenues lies just below. The

elegant Chiado shopping area climbs away up another hill, next to Bairro Alto, home of much of the Lisbon nightlife.

The westernmost part of the city, Belém, was the birthplace of the Age of Discoveries and Parque das Nações (the 98 World Expo site) in the northeast side of the city is an area full of 21st century avant-garde architecture built on a most impressive river side site.

A VERY BRIEF HISTORY...

Lisboa dates back to pre-Roman times - legend has it that Ulysses founded the city, although it was more probably the Phoenicians. In its early years Lisbon was a constant battleground with Phoenicians, Greeks and Carthaginians taking turn to rule the city.

In 714 the powerful Moors arrived and, by fortifying the city, held out against Christian attacks for over 400 years. By 1147 the Moors' luck turned and the Christian Cruzaders recaptured Lisbon. The 16th century was Portugal's short-lived golden era of sea exploration when riches were brought from across the oceans.

In the late 17th century the discovery of gold in Brazil saw Lisbon enjoy another luxurious period but this time it was cut short by the massive earthquake in 1755 which reduced the city to rubble. In 1910 the monarchy fell and the first Portuguese Republic was proclaimed. Portugal's democratic phase lasted until 1926, when a military coup reduced Portugal to a period of totalitarian regime under the dictator António Salazar.

The costly colonial wars in 60's and 70's within African Portuguese territories, led to the "Carnation Revolution", a nearly bloodless military coup on 25 April 1974. The new government instituted democratic reforms and granted independence to the African colonies in 1975. In 1986 Portugal became a full member of the European Union.

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC - PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

	2 September (Wednesday)	3 September (Thursday)	4 September (Friday)	5 September (Saturday)
09:00-09:30	ESA Executive Committee Meeting	RN / RS Sessions	RN / RS Sessions	RN / RS Sessions
09:30-10:00				
10:00-10:30		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
10:30-11:00		Semi Plenary Sessions	Semi Plenary Sessions	RN / RS Sessions
11:00-11:30				
11:30-12:00				
12:00-12:30				
12:30-13:00	Registration Desk Open	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
13:00-13:30				
13:30-14:00				
14:00-14:30	RN Representatives and Executive Meeting	RN / RS Sessions	RN / RS Sessions	RN / RS Sessions
14:30-15:00				
15:00-15:30		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
15:30-16:00	OPENING CEREMONY	RN / RS Sessions	Meet the Authors Sessions	RN / RS Sessions
16:00-16:30	OPENING PLENARY SESSION North, South, West,East: Europe seen from within			
16:30-17:00		RN / RS Business Meeting	Break	CLOSING PLENARY SESSION World Wide View over Europe: Europe seen from outside
17:00-17:30				
17:30-18:00	Welcome Reception	Break	ESA General Assembly	
18:00-18:30				
18:30-19:00	National Associations Meeting	SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION Can Sociology change Society?		CLOSING CEREMONY
19:00-19:30				
19:30-20:00				
20:00-20:30		Thematic Conference Dinner		
20:30-24:00				



RN/RS CONFIRMED FOR ESA 9TH CONFERENCE

RESEARCH NETWORKS

- RN01** Ageing in Europe
- RN02** Sociology of the Arts
- RN03** Biographical Perspectives on European Societies
- RN04** Sociology of Children and Childhood
- RN05** Sociology of Consumption
- RN06** Critical Political Economy
- RN07** Sociology of Culture
- RN08** Disaster and Social Crisis
- RN09** Economic Sociology
- RN10** Sociology of Education
- RN11** Sociology of Emotions
- RN12** Environment and Society
- RN13** Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives
- RN14** Gender Relations in the Labour Market and the Welfare State
- RN16** Sociology of Health and Illness
- RN17** Industrial Relations, Labour Market Institutions and Employment
- RN18** Sociology of Communications and Media Research
- RN19** Sociology of Professions
- RN20** Qualitative Methods
- RN21** RENCORE: Methods for Comparative Research on Europe
- RN22** Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty
- RN23** Sexuality
- RN24** Science and Technology
- RN25** Social Movements
- RN26** Sociology of Social Policy
- RN27** Regional Network on Southern European Societies
- RN29** Social Theory
- RN30** Youth and Generation
- RN31** Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism
- RN32** Political Sociology
- RN33** Women's and Gender Studies

RESEARCH STREAMS

- RS01** Sociology and Disability
- RS02** Dynamics and Complexity of Minority Statuses in Plural Societies
- RS03** East and West in Europe
- RS04** Europe and Immigration
- RS05** Historical Sociology
- RS06** Maritime Sociology
- RS07** Memory, Culture and Public Discourse
- RS08** Modernization Theory. Dead or Alive in the 21st Century?
- RS09** Research Methods in Ethnic and Migration Studies
- RS10** Socio Anthropology of Trans-National Migrations and Migrants' Families
- RS11** Religion and the Sociology of Religion in Europe
- RS12** Arts Management: Sociological Inquiries
- RS13** Re-Assessing Class in Contemporary Sociology
- RS14** Chronic Regional Conflicts
- RS15** Rethinking Intergenerational Transmission of Inequalities
- RS16** Russia and Its European Identity
- RS17** Sociology of Celebration



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

ABSTRACT EVALUATION

Abstracts were analysed and reviewed by each RN/RS coordinator and the notification was sent by email to the abstract submitters 6 April 2009.

Abstracts accepted will be presented as oral presentation, distributed papers or as poster. All accepted abstracts will be published in the abstract book of the conference.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS, DISTRIBUTED PAPERS & POSTERS

Presentation instructions for oral presentations, distributed papers and posters will be available at the official conference web site after the notification of acceptance (after 6 April 2009).

KEY DATES

24 May 2009 - Deadline for early bird registration and payment.

15 June 2009 - All paper/poster presenters (first authors) must be registered for the conference by this date. The conference organisers will exclude paper/poster presentations from the scientific programme if the first author is not registered by this date.

15 July 2009 - Full papers submitted until this date will be included in the conference CD. (Full papers received after this date will not be considered for the contents of the conference CD)

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CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

The conference secretariat is located by the main entrance on the ground floor of the ISCTE building, where most of the RN/RS sessions will take place. Please register and pick up your conference material here.

The opening hours of the ESA2009 secretariat are the following

Wednesday, 2 September	12:30 - 19:00
Thursday, 3 September	08:00 - 19:00
Friday, 4 September	08:00 - 19:30
Saturday, 5 September	08:00 - 20:00

BADGE

A badge is required for admittance at all official Conference sessions, the exhibition, the opening ceremony and welcome reception. Each participant is asked to present the badge in order to gain access to the Conference. The badge must be clearly displayed.

CONFERENCE BAG

The Conference Bag, containing the conference material, can be obtained at the registration counter.



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CD ROM - CONFERENCE FULL PAPERS (submitted until 15 July 2009)

A CD-rom containing the full papers is available for purchase. Participants can order their CD-rom copy by filling out the request and paying the order together with their registration. A limited number of extra CD-Roms will be available at the conference.

THEMATIC CONFERENCE DINNER, MUSIC AND DANCING

The conference dinner will take place on 4 September. Participants are welcome to sign up for this get-together event by filling out the information on the registration form. The subsidised cost is 40,00 €

The location of the dinner will be posted at the conference web site.

EXHIBITION

Conference participants are invited to visit the exhibition throughout the Conference. The exhibition will feature editorial and publishing exhibitors and will be open during the following times:

Thursday 3, Friday 4, and Saturday 5 September: 10:00 - 19:00

Please note that these places, dates and times are preliminary and subject to change.

For further information on the Exhibition please see the conference web site and/or contact esa2009exhibition@leading.pt

CONFERENCE WEB SITE

For up-to-date information regarding the Conference, please visit the Conference website at www.esa9thconference.com

LANGUAGE

The official Conference language is English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

The Conference organiser can not accept liability for personal injury, loss of or damage to belongings of Conference participants, either during or as a result of the Conference. Please check the validity of your own insurance.

SMOKING POLICY

The Conference Venue is a non-smoking area.

TRANSPORTATION (Official Air line carrier)

TAP Portugal is the official carrier for the ESA 9th European Conference.

TAP Portugal offers a discount to the participants who make their flight booking and buy their ticket exclusively through TAP Portugal's website.

The discounts offered are the following:

- 10% in economy class
- 20% in business class

The code IT9TPCG27 has been given to this event and must be mentioned when making the booking in order to benefit from the discount:

To make the booking, the participant should follow these steps:

- enter the website www.flytap.com and choose Advanced Search
- select flights and dates
- insert the event code in the Congress Code Box

LETTER OF INVITATION - VISA purpose

Participants that require an official letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa and authorization to attend the conference should contact the ESA 2009 Secretariat. The letter of invitation does not financially obligate the conference organisers in any way. All expenses incurred in relation to the conference are the sole responsibility of the participant.



ESA SUMMER SCHOOL 2009

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OR EUROPEAN SOCIETIES?

The aim of the Summer School is to gather PhD students from all over Europe to consider whether we can look at Europe as an increasingly cohesive entity or whether divisions of nation, class, ethnicity, region, gender, and so on continue to be more salient. Traditionally, the nation state has been explicitly or implicitly the unit of analysis in European sociology. But is the nation state the most appropriate unit through which to explore European society or should we be trying to find other perspectives? This raises the issue of whether there is convergence or divergence between regions in the European area. A particular focus of the Summer School will be upon the role of sociology in helping to understand the European area and how sociologists from different countries and different traditions can work together to meet this challenge. We will focus specifically upon four areas: religion, culture and diversity; gender; migration; family; and European welfare states.

Date of the Summer School: 28 August -1 September 2009

The Summer School is hosted by the Universidade de Nova de Lisboa and the ESA.

For more information please see the conference web site : www.esa9thconference.com



LISBOA MAP - CONFERENCE AREA



Use of Lisboa map offered by: Yellow Pages maps - www.yellowpages.pt



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Delegates wishing to register for the ESA 9th conference are invited to use the online registration form or download the pdf registration form both available on the official website www.esa9thconference.com

Should you prefer to use the printed version of the registration form, we kindly ask you to complete it accordingly and return by e-mail or fax to Leading Congress & Association Management: esa2009secretariat@leading.pt or (+ 351 21 771 26 39), at the latest by 22 August 2008.

Please note that all communications with regard of cancellations and alterations to your conference registration (on line form as well as printed form), must be forwarded in writing to Leading Congress & Association Management.

Early registration at a reduced fee will only be granted if payment is credited to the Conference Account at the latest by 24 May 2009.

THE REGISTRATION FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Registracion Free	Payment & Registration received until 24 May, 2009	Payment & Registration received after 24 May, 2009	Conference Dinner 4 September
ESA Members	150 €	200 €	40 €
Students Members*	80 €	130 €	40 €
Non-Members	350 €	400 €	40 €
Students Non-Members*	160 €	210 €	40 €
Day Rate: 1 Day**	140 €	190 €	40 €
Day Rate: 2 Days**	180 €	230 €	40 €
Accompanying person	xx	xx	40 €

9TH ESA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Full conference registration

(ESA Members, Non-Members, Students ESA Members, Students Non-Members)

- Admission to all scientific sessions, poster session and exhibition
- Conference Materials (final programme, abstract publication)
- Welcome Reception at the conference venue, 2 September
- Lunch bag (3, 4 and 5 September)
- Conference Dinner at a reduced cost of 40,00 €

Day Rate 1 Day & 2 Days

- Admission to the scientific sessions, poster session and exhibition on the day(-s) of paid participation
- Conference Materials (final programme, abstract publication)
- Lunch bag on the day(-s) of paid participation
- Welcome reception on 2 September if participant is registered for this day
- Conference Dinner at the reduced cost of 40,00 €

Please be informed that coffee, tea, water and soft drinks will be available for participants to purchase during the breaks indicated in the conference programme.

CANCELLATION POLICY FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

Cancellation of Registration

Cancellation request received by 31 May 2009 - 70% of the registration fee will be refunded

Cancellation request received by until 31 July 2009 - 50% of the registration fee will be refunded

Cancellation request received by after 31 July 2009 - no refund of the fee will be granted

"No shows" will not obtain any refund and will be handled like a cancellation made after 31 July 2008.

All cancellations must be made in writing to Leading Congress & Association Management.

ESA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

WHY JOIN ESA?

Do you want your voice to contribute to the development of sociology and sociological research in Europe? Then join ESA because ESA is in the process of representing sociology at an international level, especially in negotiations about the framing of the European Research Area.

Do you want to have a chance to meet and communicate with other European sociologists? Then join ESA because ESA organises the largest European sociological congress which takes place every 2 years in different parts of Europe. Previous conferences were held in Vienna, Budapest, England, Finland, Spain, Poland and Scotland.

Do you want to learn about the most recent sociological debates and ideas? Then join ESA and you will receive for free the journal "European Societies", a leading international peer-reviewed journal.

Do you want to participate in research training as a post-graduate student? Then join ESA because we bring together doctoral students in a fully funded summer school each year.

Do you want to keep abreast of the latest developments in your field? Then join ESA where there are over 20 research networks which organise meetings and conferences on a regular basis.

Do you want to find out about what is going on in sociology? Then join ESA because we will put you on our electronic mailing list which circulates information about jobs, scholarships, courses, conferences, meetings and summer schools. The newsletter of the association is published in hard copy three times a year and gives further news for sociologists.

Do you want to find research partners? Then join ESA which represents the largest network of sociologists in Europe.

For more information please visit the ESA website at www.europeansociology.org



ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

DEADLINE for guaranteed room reservation: 25 August 2009

After this date we will do our best to accommodate hotel reservation requests; however we cannot guarantee to obtain confirmation at the conference hotels listed below.

Room rates are automatically updated on the conference web site www.esa9thconference.com following the "on line rates" published by each hotel.

The following hotels have rooms blocked for conference participants, please see the rates in the online registration form.

	Category	Location / Nearest underground (Metro) station	Underground (Metro) Line
Dom Pedro Palace	5*	Amoreiras	Yellow
Villa Rica *	4*	Entrecampos	Yellow
NH Campo Grande *	4*	Entrecampos	Yellow
SANA Metropolitan Hotel *	4*	Entrecampos	Yellow
Real Parque	4*	Picoas	Yellow
Turim Iberia	4*	Campo Pequeno	Yellow
Turim Lisboa	4*	Picoas	Yellow
Turim Europa	4*	São Sebastião	Blue
Açores Lisboa	4*	Praça de Espanha	Blue
Fenix Lisboa	4*	Marquês de Pombal	Yellow
Olisippo Marquês de Sá	3*	Campo Pequeno	Yellow
SANA Executive Hotel	3*	Campo Pequeno	Yellow
SANA Reno Hotel	3*	Campo Pequeno	Yellow
Hotel Vip Executive Barcelona	3*	Campo Pequeno	Yellow
Hotel Vip Executive Berna	3*	Campo Pequeno	Yellow
Hotel Vip Executive Zurique	3*	Campo Pequeno	Yellow

Hotel rooms will only be considered as reserved upon receipt of total payment by credit card or bank transfer (all bank charges incurred in the transfer are to be covered by the delegate). Room rates are subject to adjustments.

For information on alternative hotel accommodation and student accommodation (Students Residences), please see the conference website or contact Leading Congress & Association Management.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Hotel Reservation

Cancellations must be communicated in writing to the ESA Secretariat esa2009secretariat@leading.pt. Hotel reservations may be cancelled until two months prior to the conference - until and on Tuesday, 30 June 2009.

Total refund will be granted until this date only deducting an administration fee of 15,00 €. Hotel reservations cancelled between Wednesday, 1 July and Friday, 31 July will have a penalty fee of one night referring to the rate and category booked.

Please note that no refund will be granted for rooms cancelled after 1 August 2009 or in case of "no show". The cancellation fee for rooms cancelled after 1 August corresponds to 100% of the total number of nights and category reserved.

Should a guest depart before the final date of his hotel reservation, the hotel is entitled to charge the guest for the whole period of the reservation.

Any costs arising in connection with cancellations and/or alterations of hotel reservations will be charged to the participant.





GENERAL INFORMATION

ACCESSIBILITY

Lisboa Airport (Portela) is located close to the city centre (7 km), about 15–20 minutes transfer to most of the centrally located hotels as well as to the Lisboa Congress Centre. The Airport is served by daily direct flights operated by the traditional air lines as well as by many of the low cost companies operating in Europe.

**) Lisboa Airport is not connected to the Underground System (Metro). However, there is an Airport shuttle bus (AeroBus) with several stops in the city centre. (last stop: Cais do Sodré)*

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The joint fleet of the two public transportation companies Carris (buses and trams) and Metro (underground) covers the entire city with regular bus and tram routes as well as underground lines.

Taxis

The city is served by 3,500 taxis, and a taxi ride from the airport to the city centre should cost between € 8 and € 15. The usual urban taxi fares are:

Day: 2.00 € + 0.40 €/km

Telephone booking: 0.80 €

Night, weekend and holidays: 2.50 € + 0.48 €/km

Taxis are widely used by the locals, and in comparison to the taxi fares in other countries, the Lisboa taxis are still to be considered a rather inexpensive means of transportation.

CLIMATE

The average maximum daily temperature and average minimum temperature in the Lisboa area in April are 22°C / 64 F (high) and 12°C / 52 F (low). Please take in consideration that Lisboa is located by the river and the ocean, and therefore can be windy in the late afternoon or evening. A sweater or a ladies pashmina may be necessary.

CURRENCY

Portugal is a member of the European Monetary System, and the previous currency Escudo was replaced by the Euro on 1 January 2002.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

Portuguese standard is the European type 2 pin sockets with 220 volts AC at 50 cycles. The phase 380 volt current is normally available in meeting rooms and exhibition halls.

EXCHANGE

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, shops and restaurants. Travellers' cheques and currency can be changed at exchange bureaux or at hotel receptions. Automatic changing and cash dispensing machines linked to international networks are also widely available.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

With the exception of vaccination certificates for persons coming from areas where yellow fever is endemic, at the present there are no special health requirements.

HOTEL CHECK IN/OUT POLICY

Normal check in time at hotels is 15h00. The established check out time is 12h00. Should you need guaranteed occupancy before 13h00 on the day of your arrival, the previous night should be reserved.

MEDICAL CARE

Clinics and hospitals provide 24 hrs emergency service.

The national emergency phone number is 112. Hotels have a doctor on call through the reception. Reciprocal E.C. cover is available at out-patient departments, otherwise private consultation fees are charged.

SALES TAX

Sales tax (VAT) is included in prices quoted. For non E.U. residents, tax free shopping schemes are available in many shops, which give substantial savings to visitors.

SHOPPING

Fine leather goods, lead crystal ware, porcelain, vintage wines, golden and silver filigree, pottery and textiles are considered excellent buys in Portugal.

The pedestrian streets of the city centre, "a Baixa", bordered by the magnificent Praça do Comércio, facing the River Tejo, and the "Chiado" area leading to Bairro Alto, are popular shopping areas.

Shops are open from 09h00 to 13h00 and 15h00 to 19h00 Monday to Friday, and 09h00 to 13h00 on Saturdays. Major shopping malls stay open from 10h00 to 23h00, including weekends. The main shopping centres are Colombo, Amoreiras, Vasco da Gama and the Atrium Saldanha, all within easy access by underground network (metro).

SMOKING

The Portuguese law, in accordance with Regulations in force in the majority of European Countries and the USA, does not allow smoking in any public transportation or in any closed public areas. (Some restaurants, bars and discotechs may have a designated smoking area).

TIPPING

Tipping is optional, but adding 10% to the amount is regular practise in taxis, restaurants and bars.



SOCIAL PROGRAMME/ TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

OPTIONAL TOURS ESA 2009

All excursions will depart from and return to the Conference Venue.

Excursions will depart at 09:00.

Tour Service is provided by tourism coaches and English speaking guides.

THURSDAY - 3, SEPTEMBER 2009

01. LISBON CITY TOUR - PANORAMIC (Half Day)



Departure from the Conference Venue by coach in direction of Belém, the monumental part of Lisboa, where the UNESCO world heritage sites of the Belém Tower and the Jerónimos Monastery are to be found. We will pay a brief visit to the area before continuing to the heart of Lisboa, the viewpoint at Eduardo VII's Park overlooking Avenida da Liberdade Boulevard. At Rossio Square where we leave the coach for a walk along the main pedestrian street to the Terreiro do Paço square. Coaches will be waiting here for the return transfer to the Conference Venue.

02. MEDIEVAL ÓBIDOS (Full Day with lunch)



Departure from Lisboa towards the enchanting town of Óbidos, filled with whitewashed houses and surrounded by a 14th-century city wall. We will visit the coastal town of Nazaré for lunch. Possibly the most famous fishing town in Portugal, with an atmosphere of times gone by, contentment and traditions which continue to thrive, which make it a special place to visit. From here we will return to Lisboa and the Conference venue.

03. ÉVORA - THE ROYAL CITY (Full Day with lunch)



Departure from Lisboa by coach crossing the Tagus river in direction of the city of Évora that retains the splendour of a royal city. The county Alentejo is the centre of the country's cork and marble production and is also famous for its wine, considered as one of the best regions for red wine production. A world of unexpected contrasts awaits us in this city with a history more than two thousand years old and classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage site.

A walking tour will take us to the most important architectonic and cultural treasures. We will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and visit one of the wine producers in the region before returning to Lisboa.

FRIDAY - 4, SEPTEMBER 2009**04. SINTRA - A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE (Half Day)**

Departure from Lisboa by coach to the beautiful town of Sintra, at the foot of the mountain range of the same name. Its unique characteristics have led UNESCO to classify it as a World heritage site, taking into account the natural riches as well as the historic buildings. Visit to one of the royal palaces, enjoy some free time before continuing to the westernmost point of the European mainland Cabo da Roca, offering a 360° breathtaking view over the Atlantic Ocean. Return to Lisboa and the Conference venue along the scenic road by the river Tagus.

05. UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES, BATALHA & ALCOBAÇA - GOTHIC MASTERPIECES (Full Day with lunch)

Departure from Lisboa by coach following the highway towards the town of Batalha, developed alongside the Monastery of Santa Maria de Vitória, constructed in 1386. We will visit this masterpiece of Portuguese Gothic, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site, in 1989. Lunch will be served in Nazaré one of the most famous fishing town in Portugal.

After lunch return to Lisboa and Conference venue.

SATURDAY - 5, SEPTEMBER 2009**19****06. LISBOA VINEYARD ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER (Half Day)**

Departure from the Conference Venue by coach crossing the river Tagus Just across the bridge on the Setúbal Peninsula we find the closest vineyards to Lisboa, famous for its fortified dessert wine "Moscatel" as well as the table wines produced in the area. We will pay a visit to one of the modern Wine cellars for a guided tour and a tasting. Return to Lisboa and the conference venue by coach.

01. LISBON CITY TOUR - PANORAMIC (Half Day), same as Thursday 3, September

Departure from the Conference Venue by coach in direction of Belém, the monumental part of Lisboa, where the UNESCO world heritage sites of the Belém Tower and the Jerónimos Monastery are to be found. We will pay a brief visit to the area before continuing to the heart of Lisboa, the viewpoint at Eduardo VII's Park overlooking Avenida da Liberdade Boulevard. At Rossio Square where we leave the coach for a walk along the main pedestrian street to the Terreiro do Paço square. Coaches will be waiting here for the return transfer to the Conference Venue.

KEY DATES

26 February 2009 - Deadline for abstracts submission (online submission form)

Abstract submission deadline is extended until Sunday, 08 March 2009

6 April 2009 - Notification of acceptance of abstracts

24 May 2009 - Early bird registration

15 June 2009 - All paper/poster presenters (first authors) must be registered for the conference by this date. The conference organisers will exclude paper/poster presentations from the scientific programme if the first author is not registered by this date

15 July 2009 - Deadline for submission of Full Papers (Full Papers which are not submitted until this date will not be included in the conference CD).

CONTACT DETAILS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration, Hotel Accommodation, Social Programme and Optional tours

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