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# Small Communities Facing Danger. Strategies of Solidarity and Resilience Before the Modernity



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## Thursday 30 October

**09h10**

Inaugural session

**09h30 – Keynote speaker**

**Adinel C. Dincă** Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca  
*'The Pen is Mightier than the Sword': Legal Literacy, Community, Gender, and Resistance in Late Medieval Transylvania*

**Keynote presentation and moderation of the scientific discussion by**

**José Pedro Paiva** Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

**Coffee break**

**Session 1**

**Chair: Guðmundur Hálfánarson** University of Iceland

**10h50 – 11h50**

**Jani Koçillari** University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Department of History, Tirana  
*Forgotten Traces of Dendae: Resilience and Continuity in the Hinterland of Roman Dyrrachium*

**Yurii Zazuliak** Philippe Schwarz Fellow, University of Leipzig, Germany  
*Perambulation of Boundaries, Village Communities, and Local Tradition in Poland-Lithuania during the 15th-16th Centuries*

**Ana Isabel Lopes** CITCEM/FLUP  
*Memory, Cooperation and Local Action in the Governance of Coastal Risks in Northwestern Portugal (16th-19th centuries)*

**11h40-12h30 Discussion**

**Lunch**

## 14h00 – 15h20 Session 2

### Chair:

**Rémi Demoen** Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne

*Preserving the town and its inhabitants. the administrative, economic and social constants of solidarity in the towns of Touraine during the Wars of Religion*

**Alexandru Ștefan** Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, TRANS.SCRIPT Centre

*Crown and Commune. The Interplay of Royal Authority and Local Governance for Saving Sighișoara's Citadel in the Early 16th Century*

**Livia Potop** Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

*Traces of Resilience: Book Annotations in Early Modern Sighișoara*

**Antoniuy Moysey; Igor Gerush** Bukovinian State Medical University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine

*Civic Religion and Lay Literacy in the Suburban Community of Rosha, Chernivtsi, during the Formation of Institutional Structures*

## 15h20 – 16h20 Discussion

### Coffee break

## 16h40 – 17h40

**Line M. Bonde; Martin Wangsgaard Jürgensen** The National Museum of Denmark / University of Copenhagen

*'Here's looking at you': Visual community building and rural parish churches in the long 12th century*

**Maria Frînc** Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

*Sebeș, a Town in Transylvania Facing Danger. Strategies of Solidarity among the Transylvanian Saxons in the Middle Ages*

**Ștefania Ghișa** Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

*Shapeshifting Parishes: Building Resilience within the Sibiu Chapter (15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Centuries)*

## 17h40 – 18h25 Discussion

### 20h30 Dinner



## Friday 31 October

### 09h30 – Keynote speaker

**Maria do Rosário Morujão** Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

*The cathedral chapter schools in medieval Portugal (from the eleventh to the fifteenth century)*

**Keynote presentation and moderation of the scientific discussion by**

**Maria Helena da Cruz Coelho**, Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

### Coffee break

### Session 1

**Chair: Joana Antunes** Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

### 10h40 – 12h00

**Robin Moens** KU Leuven

*Creating (Comm)unity in Times of Division. Strategies of Solidarity Deployed by the Cathedral Chapter of Liège in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century*

**Maria Amélia Campos** Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

*Organisational Dynamics and Crisis Management in Two Communities: The Coimbra Cathedral Chapter and the University Council, c.1450-1550*

**Ana Rita Mendes; Luís Dias; Rodrigo Carvalho** Master students, FLUC

*First Insights into the Book of Agreements of the Coimbra Cathedral Chapter, c.1451-1498*

**Dávid Molnár** Senior Research Fellow, University of Tokaj, Sárospatak

*Survival Strategies Described by the Rector of an Elementary School under Ottoman Occupation (1558)*

### 12h00-13h00 Discussion

### Lunch

## Session 2

**Chair: Saul António Gomes** Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

**14h20 – 15h20**

**Ana Rita Rocha** Universidade de Coimbra, CHSC, FLUC

*Cohesion and resilience in a small hospital community: the leper house of Coimbra (13th-15th centuries)*

**Mihkel Mäesalu** University of Tartu, Institute of History and Archaeology

*Branded as apostates. Recovering the aims of 14th-century Estonian rebels*

**Gonzalo Carrasco-García** Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Madrid, Spain

*Strategies of Resistance and Accommodation of the Subject Muslims of the Order of Santiago in Late-Medieval Castile*

**15h20 – 16h20 Discussion**

**Coffee break**

**16h40 – 17h20**

**Fábio Duarte** IHC-FCSH

*Masters and servants: service and solidarity in Portugal during the Ancien Régime*

**Eduardo Angel Cruz** KU Leuven

*The Saint and the Tortured Dog: Afro-Latin Solidarities and Inverted Symbols of Power in Colonial Spanish Households*

**17h20 – 17h50 Discussion**

**17h50 – Closure**

**20h30 Dinner**

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**Conference location:** Amphitheatre III - 4th floor (Main entrance floor of the building).

**Coffee break location:** corridor of the 3rd floor.

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