

CALL FOR PAPERS



The Center for Integrative Mediterranean Studies

6th International Conference

Virginia Commonwealth University

September 13-15, 2012

Conference

The Center for Integrative Mediterranean Studies (CIMS) is a tripartite research and exchange-based partnership between the University of Messina, Italy; the University of Córdoba, Spain; and Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, USA. The 2012 Conference will be hosted by VCU, Virginia's largest university, located in the heart of historic Richmond. Colonial Williamsburg, the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic coast, the Blue Ridge Mountains, homes of three US presidents, American Civil War sites and Washington, D.C. are within 100 miles (166 km).

Themes

Sports and Society Universities around the world play an increasingly important role in orchestrating the interconnections between sports and their communities. This year the University of Córdoba hosts the 1st *European Universities Games* and the University of Messina hosts the *Italian National University Sports Championship*. The success of the Rams in the NCAA has brought VCU and Richmond national attention. Given the growing prominence of its members in university sports, CIMS will host a special symposium this Olympic year within the 2012 Conference dedicated to the myriad forms in which sports and society interact. We invite proposals for individual papers and panels addressing sports from all disciplines.

Freedom and Social Memory In 2012-2013 VCU commemorates the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War and Emancipation through the *VCU Year of Freedom: Confronting Our Past, Facing Our Future*. The American Civil War and Emancipation constitute the most important events in American history, and Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy, was ground zero for conflicts over social memory of the war's legacy. The struggles for freedom and the challenges of building a just and inclusive society that the *VCU Year of Freedom* commemorates have deep roots in the Mediterranean Region and are as relevant today as ever the world over, as armed conflict, immigration, and global economic upheavals unsettle established order. We invite proposals for individual papers and panels addressing issues related to freedom and social memory from diverse and global perspectives.

Proposals

Abstracts (200 words) are due to Elizabeth Hiatt (eihiett@vcu.edu) by *July 15, 2012*. Proposals for thematic, interdisciplinary panels of up to four papers are welcome, and should include one abstract per paper plus panel abstract. Presentations may be given in English, Spanish, or Italian. Notifications of acceptance will be given by August 1, 2012 with conference registration instructions (registration fee = \$75.00 for non-CIMS participants). Final papers will be approximately 3,000 words, with a delivery time of 20 minutes each. A question and answer period will follow each paper. Final papers are required upon conference arrival, and may be included in published conference proceedings.



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