We are delighted to announce that the third in the series of Spatial Humanities conferences will be held in Lisbon, 24-25th September 2020. Spatial Humanities 2020 is concerned with exploring what geospatial technologies such as Geographical Information Systems (GIS) have to contribute to humanities research. The main aim is to explore and demonstrate the contributions to knowledge enabled by these technologies, approaches and methods within and beyond the digital humanities. We welcome submissions on all aspects of using geospatial technologies in humanities research, including database development, methodological innovation and applied research that develops our understanding of the geographies of the past.

We welcome contributions from all humanities disciplines including (but not limited to) history (including fields from social science history such as historical demography and environmental history), archaeology, literary studies, classics, linguistics, art history, anthropology and religious studies, as well as from technical fields including GISc, digital humanities, computational linguistics and computer science. Contributions from PhD students are encouraged and bursaries are available (see below). Non-speaking participants are also welcome.

Keynote speakers:
- Dr Katrina Navickas, Department of History, University of Hertfordshire
- Dr Barbara Piatti, Basel, Switzerland

Student fee waivers: We are delighted to offer up to four student fee waivers to PhD students who are sole or lead authors of a paper. Applications will be considered by the Scientific Committee on the basis of the quality of the abstract. To apply simply check the appropriate box on the conference abstract submission form.

How to participate: Submissions can be complete sessions or individual papers. A session will usually have three or four papers and a chair. Other formats are also welcome. Individual papers will be assigned to sessions by the scientific committee. To submit, please use the abstract submission form, including an abstract of up to 250 words for each paper.


Venue: NOVA-FCSH is easily accessible from Lisbon International Airport, and from there using the Metro red line. In 20 minutes, you can reach São Sebastião station and from there a 10 minutes’ walk will take you to NOVA-FCSH campus on Avenida de Berna, 26-C. For more information see: http://www.fcsht.unl.pt/contactos-en

Costs: Full registration including teas & coffees and lunch on both days, plus the conference dinner on the 24th, costs €195, reduced to €95 for students. Day rates are €110 (full) and €55 (student) respectively. Accommodation is available in the city and should be booked separately once papers have been accepted.

For further information see: http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/dighum/sh2020/

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