

From Seas to Oceans

Nordic and Iberian Worlds in the Early Modern Period

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The Baltic and the Mediterranean coasts of Europe developed a sustained interdependence in the Early Modern period, as a result of increasing commercial and financial connections and large-scale dynastic conflicts. New forms of governance, international diplomacy, mercantile organizations and transport infrastructures emerged. The economic, cultural and political networks in Europe grew larger and more complex. They were not limited to the Baltic or Mediterranean basins anymore, but reached distant seas and continents, from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans.

The conference “From Seas to Oceans” aims to explore the mutual influence between the Iberian and the Nordic worlds and how it contributed to the development of European and global connections in the Early Modern period. The conference is organized by SWESP –The International Research Network of Historical connections between Spain and Sweden– with the support of the Spanish Embassy in Sweden, the History Department at Uppsala University, the CEMAS (Centre for Maritime Studies, Stockholm University) and the Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

The conference will take place at Stockholm University on May 8-9, 2023 and follows a twofold format. First, there will be panels to present work-in-progress research. Doctoral candidates will have the opportunity to present their research and receive feedback from senior scholars. Second, there will be roundtable sessions to discuss future lines of research, book presentations, and support cooperation between northern and southern European researchers of the Early Modern period. On the first evening, a reception will be held at the Spanish Embassy in Sweden.

Call for Papers

We invite doctoral and postdoctoral researchers to present papers, dealing with connections, influences and circulations between the Iberian and the Scandinavian Peninsulas. We particularly welcome papers on the following topics: the construction of global commodity chains, the emergence of international cooperation and migration, the globalization of peripheral regions and maritime societies, and the exchange of political, scientific and technological knowledge. However, any other topics focusing on