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Invitation to the 2018 Scientific Conference "Bosnia and its neighbors in the Middle Ages"

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the scientific conference entitled "Bosnia and its neighbors in the Middle Ages", which will be organized by the Institute of History of the University of Sarajevo on May 10, 2018.

The political position of the South Slavic world in Southeast Europe was crucially determined by the impact achieved by two civilizational-political blocs - Western Catholic and Eastern Orthodox. The history of the Medieval Bosnian state began during the Early Medieval period, at the border between these two worlds. Although the sources from the earlier period are modest, almost every piece of information indicates its connection with the surrounding world. It is illustrative in this regard that the first preserved document that came out of the office the Bosnian ruler was about international relationships. In line with the increase of the power of Bosnian rulers and nobility during the High Middle Ages, contacts with the political entities in the region intensified.

At the end of the Middle Ages, Bosnia was connected with strong economic and cultural ties with the surrounding world. In the political sense, territorial expansion of the Bosnian state greatly accelerated these processes. Under the influence of coastal towns across the Adriatic and the Mediterranean Sea, the organization of trade developed, together with different techniques of cash and credit transaction, as well as legal issues. Economic and political developments and flows, confrontations and exchanges have had visible consequences in the internal social development of Bosnia, which is best seen in the rise of the nobility and its separation into a different class.

Scientific conference: "Bosnia and its neighbors in the Middle Ages" is conceived as an opportunity to offer results of new research and to present the results of previous historiographical researches on the relationship of the medieval Bosnian state and its neighbors, as well as its relation with more distant countries. This scientific conference is open for all the interested scientists who can offer new research results.

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Interested, please submit a summary (no more than 400 words) and short CV by December 31 2017 at the latest. The summary should be sent in electronic form to the following e-mail address to which you can contact for further information: [naucniskup2018@iis.unsa.ba](mailto:naucniskup2018@iis.unsa.ba). Notification of acceptance of the application will be sent by 31 January 2018.

We are looking forward to hearing from you,

Regards,

Sarajevo, October 12, 2017

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