

International Conference

*Old and New Worlds:
the Global Challenges of Rural History*

Lisbon, 28-30 January 2016

VI Encontro Rural RePort ≈ XV Congreso de Historia Agraria de la SEHA

CALL FOR PANELS

In the course of recent years, Rural History (broadly defined) has begun to move away from both its predominantly national or local focus and its interpretation bias towards Europe and the Western world. This is a very healthy shift, which we mean to uphold by choosing the relations between old and new worlds as the core subject for this Conference.

Such relations between civilisations and cultures across the globe have had multiple effects over the last 500 years on agriculture, property, natural resources and rural societies. They brought about the circulation of people, plants, animals and diseases; transfers of techniques, knowledge, institutions and juridical norms; changes in diet habits, land uses and landscapes; extensive appropriation and expropriation of landholding, land use and property rights; and changes in produce and factor markets (land, capital, labour) at a global scale.

The growing keenness to research these global dynamics also drives some of the major theoretical, methodological and historiographical challenges now facing rural history. On the one hand, because such studies call for a wider dialogue among historians of several continents. On the other, because it tends to widen rural history from a specific disciplinary area into a broad research field, on which converge the interests of several other disciplines: from environmental to cultural history, from social to legal history, from economic history to the history of science, among others.

The concern to open up and globalise research in rural history, in both the historical and the historiographical senses, draws the guideline for this international conference, which simultaneously harbours the *VI Encontro [Rural RePort](#)* and the *XV Congreso de Historia Agraria de la [SEHA](#)*, to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, hosted by **ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon**, on the **28th, 29th and 30th of January, 2016**.

The conference is open to scholars of all nationalities, in all disciplinary areas and dealing with all historical periods. There will be three working languages: English, Portuguese and Spanish.

The **Call for Panels** is now open. Panels will be of two kinds: plenary and parallel. Plenary panels (numbering up to three) should deal with the conference's core subject, as well as favour the national and institutional diversity of participants and case studies. Parallel panels will generally have more specific scopes, which may or may not focus on the core subject. In both cases, panel proposals dealing with

theoretical or methodological issues or a comparative and transnational approach will be very welcome. Submitted plenary panels that are not accepted as such may eventually be accepted as parallel sessions, on proposal by the Organising Committee.

In order to be considered, all proposals for panels must be submitted by filling in the appropriate form (available on [the conference website](#)) and sending it over to lisbon2016rh@gmail.com, **until November 8th, 2014**. Acceptance decisions will be made known by December 20, 2014.

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