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HEALTH AND DISEASE IN MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC POPULATIONS IN EUROPE

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The European Mediterranean coast was an area of Islamic expansion in the Middle Ages, which generated population mobility, socio-economic changes and the introduction of novel crops, establishing new contacts between East and West.

This rapid process of conflict, resilience and adaptation brought about changes in lifestyle, health and disease linked to the population influx and the impact of the new religion in transforming individual and social customs and behaviour.

The study of medieval European Islamic societies has been enriched by the adoption of bioarchaeological approaches, including molecular biology, palaeopathology, stable isotope study, paleoparasitology, carpology, archaeozoology, and climatology, among others. These complement traditional studies based on written sources and the material culture of the period.

The purpose of this session is to bring together different researchers for an update on their latest findings from a multidisciplinary and international perspective. Discussion will focus on Islamic populations in medieval Europe, based on general studies, case studies and methodological research in diverse geographical locations.