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Barcelona, Spain, 1-4 September 2026

INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

On behalf of the ICHRPI Spanish section, Secretary General Mikel Urquijo invites all ICHRPI members and other interested scholars to attend the 78th conference of the ICHRPI that will be held in Barcelona, Spain, from Tuesday 1 September to Friday 4 September 2026. The conference will be hosted by the Faculty of Humanities of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona. The languages of the conference will be: English, French, German, Catalan and Spanish.

Conference themes:

- 1) Parliamentary and representative institutions. From the Peace and Truce Assemblies to the **Cortes of the Crown of Aragon**
- 2) Parliamentary and representative institutions. **From the Middle Ages to the present day**. Cities, states, nations, empires, colonies and supranational organizations
- 3) Parliamentary and Representative Institutions **in extraordinary contexts**: Crises, Wars, Revolts, and Revolutions
- 4) **The actors** of parliamentary life and representative assemblies: biography, prosopography, sociology, political parties, groupings and convergences
- 5) **Procedures, parliamentary work and functioning of the Assembly**. External projection, transparency and corruption within parliamentary and representative institutions
- 6) Parliamentary and representative institutions **versus other powers** (executive, judicial, economic, religious and media)
- 7) Parliamentary and representative institutions. **Memory policies, conflicting contemporary narratives and (dis)memories**
- 8) Parliamentarism and Anti-Parliamentarism. **Parliamentary speeches and hate speech**

Submission deadline for presenting papers to the conference:

Abstracts of no more than 200 words, in English, French, German, Catalan or Spanish, referring to one of the themes proposed, should be submitted to **conference.ichrpi2026@upf.edu** by **30 April 2026**

Notification of the acceptance of papers will be made by 31 May 2026

The conference programme will be published by 7 June 2026

Conference fees:

100 € (Euros) for members of the ICHRPI, of the UPF and for degree and postgraduate students

150 € (Euros) for other scholars

80 € (Euros) for accompanying partners

We encourage all participants to become ICHRPI members to benefit from a better rate and receive the journal for a year.