

# CALL FOR PAPERS

SUFFER OR PROMOTE THE CRISIS? PERCEPTION, PERFORMANCE, AND ATTITUDES OF QUEENS IN THE MEDIEVAL ATLANTIC CONTEXT (12<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES)



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Crisis is a prolific topic in relation to medieval monarchies from different perspectives, such as succession, diplomatic controversies, or political conflicts, whether within or beyond the kingdom. Female members of the royal family played a key role in those periods, because of their own interests, but also the responsibilities derived of their role and the defense of their expectations. Moreover, their officials, as well as those living within her lordship, together with members of the cleric could participate in those crises, too. The MUNARQAS 2.0 project is looking for papers focused on analysing all of these topics, to understand the female capacities, resources, and strategies to participate, solve, but also create, crises in the medieval monarchy between the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> centuries.

We want to organize up to four sessions, particularly focused on queens, *infantas*, and princesses and their role in critical moments for their realms. We are especially interested in royal women from the Iberian Peninsula to other kingdoms, or women who arrived to Iberia. The impact between two spatial realities and cultural traditions could be a crucial element of interchange but also, unrest or the solution to delicate political moments. On the other hand, we want to explore the comparative connections or difficulties experienced by royal women while Middle Ages passed, and the historiographical perception of powerful women moreover the medieval period.



We welcome papers on subjects including, but not limited to:

- ❖ Crisis due to infertility and childbirthness.
- ❖ Atlantic royal alliances to solve crises between monarchies.
- ❖ Royal marriage crises.
- ❖ *Infantas* vs. Queens consorts.
- ❖ Queens, legitimacy, and dynastic crisis.
- ❖ Queens' officials and political factions.
- ❖ Crisis on the Queens Lands.
- ❖ Monastic crisis and queenly interventions.
- ❖ Queenship and diplomacy.
- ❖ Historiographical perception about Medieval Queens in crisis times.
- ❖ Queenship on crisis? Evolution of the Queen's role.

Abstract of no more than 250 words, with personal data, affiliation, and a short CV should be sent to [munarqas@gmail.com](mailto:munarqas@gmail.com) by the **15th of September 2023**.