

The Department of History and the Department of Medieval Studies at Central European University
cordially invite applications for:

Faith and Power

International Undergraduate Conference, August 4-7, 2016
Budapest, Hungary

Over the last few decades a number of experiences have shown that modern politics has by no means become entirely secular. Among the most noteworthy developments were the Islamic Revolution in Iran, the active role of the Vatican in world politics, the renewed political influence of Orthodox clergy in Russia and elsewhere, multiple forms of religious terror and violence, the proclamation of a caliphate in the Middle East, the growing power of Buddhist and Hindu political movements in East and Southeast Asia, and the politicization of evangelical Christianity in Africa and the Americas. As in many other academic disciplines these experiences have also led to reconsiderations in historiography. A new sensitivity has emerged that explores the relations between religion and politics, between motives of faith and motives of power, between religious heritage and modern society.

The Department of History and the Department of Medieval Studies at Central European University in Budapest, take this development as an occasion to invite applications for an Undergraduate Conference under the theme "Faith and Power". We are seeking paper proposals from undergraduate students from all around the world, who are interested in any aspect of religion and politics from a historical perspective. We will consider proposals from all subdisciplines (political history, social history, economic history, military history, cultural history, gender history, religious history, intellectual history, art history, etc.) and all historical periods. However, preference will be given to proposals with interesting approaches and well defined research questions, objectives, and findings.

The conference is supported by the following entities:

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Apply before April 1, 2016

Contact us at undergraduateconference2016@ceu.edu

PROPOSALS:

- The language of the conference and the papers is English. Proposals should not exceed 250 words.

- **Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2016.** Late applications will be considered on a case by case basis. Students will be notified about the acceptance of their proposal by Saturday, April 30, 2016.

PAPER REQUIREMENTS:

- Papers should be 2000 to max. 3000 words long.

- **Deadline: Monday, July 25, 2016.** At the conference participants will present a 10-12 minute summary of their papers in thematic panels.

Click [here](#) for guidelines on how to write the paper.

REGISTRATION:

Conference participants **must register** for the conference **by Tuesday, May 31, 2016 by paying the conference fee** (payment instructions will be announced soon). The conference fee is 75 EUR and includes:

- Three nights' accommodation in single rooms in the CEU Residence Center
- Breakfast
- Coffee breaks
- Receptions
- Guided tours
- 72 hour public transport pass
- Free Wi-Fi

BEST PAPER AWARD:

After the conference, a committee will select the five best papers, which will be published in a special issue of the Annual of Medieval Studies at CEU (www.library.ceu.edu/ams).

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