

CALL FOR PAPERS

MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION SOCIETIES: BETWEEN TRADITIONAL CULTURES AND CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

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We invite papers on issues concerning contemporary Mediterranean information geographies. The suggested perspective attempts to explore Mediterranean information geography in terms of the interplay between traditional cultures, often expressed through word of mouth, and based on family relations, on the one hand, and their adoption of contemporary information technologies, on the other. Communications and information technologies support personal mobilities, networking, diasporas, tourism, traditional business in new forms, and they may also enable and enhance political and social ties.

The emergence of the information society has become a global trend. It implies a mass adoption of communications technologies, mainly mobile phones and the Internet. Mediterranean countries at large, and peripheral regions in them in particular, present an important arena for understanding the role of traditional communications practices as potential obstacles or as promoting agents for the adoption of information technologies and their associated impacts. Moreover, the new locative and ubiquitous media offer new paths for lifestyles and changes in many spheres, such as dwelling and travel, potentially transforming and mobilizing places and communities.

Papers investigating these issues from various perspectives (e.g. regional, urban, rural, gender, political, social, cultural) are welcome.

Kindly send a tentative title and abstract to us by end November 2009. Kindly submit paper titles and abstracts also to us by the established IGU deadlines.

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