Call for Papers

The Institute for Slavonic Philology of the Jagiellonian University of Krakow, the University of Zadar, and the Wawel Royal Castle in Krakow are pleased to invite for the conference

*The Heritage of the D’Anjou Dynasty in Central Europe*

...to be held at the Wawel Royal Castle in Krakow and the Jagiellonian University in 19-20 October 2023

The conference aims to ask questions about the presence of the members of the d’Anjou house and heritage linked to it in the cultural landscape and cultural texts of Central and Eastern Europe – both in the past and today. Krakow and Zadar are taken, imaginatively, as the most Northern and most Southern sights of their dominium. There is a sign evidencing this unified space under the Angevins, namely the Chest of Saint Simeon in the Church of Saint Simeon in Zadar. There are a few images in this magnificent piece of art that attract attention. One of them is the representation of the arrival of King Louis the Great to Zadar from the D’Anjou house. On the other his wife Elisabeth of Bosnia – the daughter of the ban of Bosnia (member of the house of Kotromanić, Stephen II of Bosnia) and Elisabeth of Kuyavia (member of the house of Polish Piast dynasty).
She is accompanied by their three daughters, Catherine, Mery, and Hedwige. The latter will soon become the Queen of Poland, and with her marriage with the Grand Duke of Lithuania, the Jagiellonian dynasty was established, which will give rise, in the course of two centuries, to many monarchs not just for the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth but also the Kingdom of Bohemia and Kingdom of Hungary (and hence the Kingdom of Croatia). This detail on the chest in Zadar is a point of departure for a discussion on one of the following topics.

1. Political aspects of the Angevins in Central Europe (dynastic bonds, state building policies, cultural expression in various texts);

2. The heritage of Central European Culture under the members of the D’Anjou dynasty (Central-European cultural trends intertwining with the Mediterranean influence; artefacts, literature);

3. The political and cultural elite of the time of the Angevins and their heirs – the Jagiellons (‘national’ and ‘international’ networks and ties, policies, overlapping between Poland, Bohemia, Hungary and Croatia/Dalmatia);

4. The heritage of the Angevins today (memory codified in historiography, language, literature, arts, and urban space).

The conference accompanies the exhibition about the Jagiellonian dynasty organized by the Royal Wawel Castle. At the conference a wide public venue about the heritage of the Angevins will be held.
The language of the conference is English, but a limited number of panels will be held in Croatian and/or Polish. The presentation of the paper is 20 minutes. A conference fee is 100 euro and 50 euro for doctoral students; it includes conference materials, coffee breaks, and one official lunch / dinner.

Send your registration forms to the following address: anjou2023@gmail.com by 15 April 2023. The acceptance notification will be provided along with the bank account number.

The Organizing Committee, assisted by the Scientific Committee, reserves the right to select the papers at its own discretion. All organizational details will be provided in separate email correspondence. All information, the schedule, and the conference program will be available on the website: https://ifs.filg.uj.edu.pl/conference-anjou

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