The Nomad's lands symposium will be held from 16 to 18 November 2022 in Lyon (France) under the aegis of the Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée Jean Pouilloux (MOM).

Call for communications

The Junior Lab Nomad's lands: économies, sociétés et matérielités des nomades is organising its final colloquium focusing on the study of nomadic societies throughout the world, from prehistory to the present day. It proposes a common and transdisciplinary framework of reflection favourable to the development of new approaches for analysing nomads, their societies, their cultures (material or immaterial), their territories and the relationships they maintain with the latter. This symposium is based on three complementary topics into which the contributions can be inserted:

1) Knowledge and management of environments by nomads. How do nomadic societies interact with their environment(s)? What is the influence of environmental factors on these societies? How do nomadic activities transform environments? What knowledge and perceptions do nomads have of their environment and how does this influence their management of sometimes constrained resources? To what extent are these management methods transmitted over time and do they adapt to environmental changes?

2) Unity and diversity of material cultures. Can we define material cultures of mobility and nomadism? What common features can be found from one place to another and from one period to another? What are their differences? What do people take with them and, conversely, what do they leave behind? What do they produce again? What remains in time? And what are our tools and/or methods for understanding the materiality of cultures that leave few traces?

3) Relations between nomads and sedentary people. How can we envisage the relations of nomadic societies with each other and with sedentary societies? What are the modalities of their insertion in local, regional, national, macro-regional and/or global socio-economic or political networks, whether nomadic or sedentary? Are the contacts and exchanges only one way? Are there cultural transfers?

The call for papers is open to researchers whose work deals with nomads, their societies, their economies, and their territories. Papers will last 20 minutes and will be followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Proposals for papers in French or English are due by 1 June 2022 at nomads@mom.fr.

Instructions for abstracts

Proposals should include a title (maximum 255 characters, including spaces), a summary of the paper (maximum 2000 characters, including spaces), keywords (maximum 5) and possibly bibliographical references (maximum 5). Acceptance of the proposals will be notified in July.

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