
COST Action 23137

Print Culture and Public Spheres in Central Europe (1500–1800) | PCPS^{CE}

Call for Panel Proposals:

Society for Renaissance Studies 12th Biennial Conference

London | 30 June – 3 July 2027

Main objective

The 12th Biennial Conference of the Society for Renaissance Studies (SRS) will take place in London (United Kingdom) from 30 June – 3 July 2027. The theme of this conference is “The Renaissance beyond Borders”.

The COST Action *Print Culture and Public Spheres in Central Europe* (PCPS^{CE}) invites Action members to submit proposals for thematic panels that showcase the Action's research and foster collaboration across the different working groups, countries, disciplines, and career stages. The Action intends to support participation in **up to two thematic panels, each consisting of four participants (normally three speakers and one chair/moderator) or one roundtable**. Financial support will be provided in accordance with COST rules governing participation in third-party organised conferences and will be subject to the availability of Action resources.

We particularly encourage proposals that engage with the theme of the conference “The Renaissance beyond Borders” through the perspectives of print culture, communication, knowledge circulation, and public spheres in Central Europe and beyond. In line with the conference theme, we welcome contributions that foreground the crossing of boundaries and the movement of individuals, ideas and objects during the Renaissance.

Please note: The panels must have an international composition; purely national panels will not be funded.

Procedure

1. Submission of Expressions of Interest (Pre-Proposals)

Members interested in organising a panel are invited to submit a brief pre-proposal for internal selection, including:

1. Provisional panel title
2. Short description (max. 250 words)
3. Short CV of the proposed participants¹

¹ Participants who are not yet members of the Action must join the Action before the Congress in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

Deadline: 31 August 2026

2. Internal Selection

The Core Group will select up to two panels or one roundtable based on:

1. Scholarly quality and originality
2. Relevance to the aims of PCPS^{CE}
3. Engagement with the Congress theme
4. Geographical, methodological and institutional diversity
5. Balance with regard to gender and career stage, including the participation of YRIs

3. Submission to SRS

The two selected panels will be invited to prepare and submit a full proposal to the Congress organisers by 25 September 2026, in accordance with the SRS submission procedures (for full details see: <https://rensoc.org.uk/cfp/12th-biennial-conference-call-for-papers>).

Please note that selection by the COST Action does not automatically imply acceptance by the Scientific Committee of the conference. The organisers anticipate communicating decisions on submissions in December 2026

Applying for Financial Support (after acceptance by the Congress Scientific Committee)

If the **two selected panels or one roundtable** are **accepted by the Congress Scientific Committee**, **financial support** for the participation of their members **will be guaranteed**, subject to compliance with COST rules and eligibility requirements.

Panels that had not been not selected through the internal PCPS^{CE} procedure may nevertheless be submitted independently to the Congress organisers. Should such panels be accepted by the Congress Scientific Committee, their participants may also apply for financial support from the COST Action. **However, any such support will depend on the Action's available budget in 2027 and cannot be guaranteed.** Applications will be assessed in accordance with COST rules and the Action's funding priorities at that time.

Please be aware, that the COST Action Management Committee **reserves the right to reduce the daily allowance if this becomes necessary for budgetary reasons.** The decision will be before sending out the final eCOST invitation (approximately three weeks before the conference).

All applications for financial support must follow the procedures specified on the PCPS^{CE} website for Dissemination Conference Grants and YRI Conference Grants under the category “Grants for Presentations at High-Level Conferences Fully Organised by Third Parties”: <https://pcps-ce.eu/grants/>

We look forward to receiving your ideas and to showcasing the breadth and diversity of research within PCPS^{CE} at the 12th Biennial Conference of the Society for Renaissance Studies in London in 2027.

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