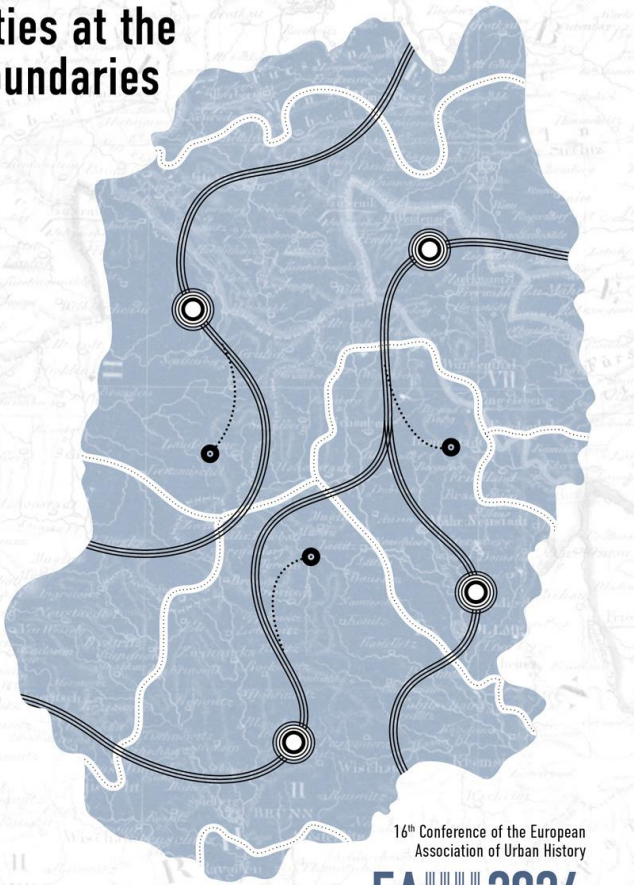


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The session aims to explore the different meanings and implications of the notion on “boundary” in Mediterranean cities from a broad chronological perspective, ranging from the 15th to the 18th centuries.

The organisers wish to invite papers about cities situated in frontier regions in the Early Modern Mediterranean, focusing on the role played by these urban centres in the circulation of information and the creation of urban networks across political frontiers. Proposals about how these cities overcame boundaries and used their position in liminal areas to foster economic activity will be welcome, as well as papers on their political action, when the cities demanded a privileged status from their respective rulers because of their strategic place. In this vein, the session is also open to papers that focus on commercial and political agents active in these contact areas, and the cultural transference that they may have channelled.

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