



## 4<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium Compostela

### Call for Papers

(Santiago de Compostela, October 12-15, 2010)

The 4ICC seeks to provide an interdisciplinary forum for the discussion of all aspects of Pilgrimages and Pilgrims as Peacemakers in Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Papers on any topic related to this theme are welcome.

In the 2010 Compostellan Holy Year, the 4<sup>th</sup> *International Colloquium Compostela* has as special thematic focus “Pilgrimages and Pilgrims as Peacemakers in Christianity, Judaism and Islam”.

Pilgrimage is a sacred voyage and appears as a universal phenomenon, which departs from a common psychology and turns into a symbol and a ritual and cultural fact that are repeated in all time and in any place. It's a global element that proclaims the construction of an intercultural dialog of identities, base of a peace that the sacred texts of those three religions proclaim as preceptive.

What peace motives prompted pilgrimages? Were the factors that drove peace pilgrimages the same in those cultures and religions? How do this kind of peace pilgrimages and their effects resonate through written, material and visual culture? We welcome papers on all aspects of peace pilgrims and peace pilgrimages, broadly understood; pacific routes of peregrination; peace in the pilgrimage ways; constructing peace from the peregrination; peace and pilgrimage as a means of cultural, religious and political interaction; spiritual journeys; sanctuaries of peregrination as spaces of mercy and peace, etc. We would particularly encourage submissions with cross-cultural and comparative approaches, and in this context welcome papers that reach beyond the conventional chronological and geographical borders of the European pilgrimages.

Those who would like to present papers are invited to **submit a 200-word abstract** of their paper (in English) and a **200-word curriculum vitae** to [sarmiento@cesga.es](mailto:sarmiento@cesga.es) before **July 15, 2010**. Speakers will be allocated 15 minutes for their talks (there will not be presented papers of absent speakers). The selection will be looking for empirical and theoretical contributions to the scholarly understanding of the interrelationship between peace, pilgrimages and pilgrims. Authors of papers that have been accepted will be notified before July 30, 2010.

The conference will begin in the morning of Wednesday October 13th and it will end in the afternoon of Friday October 15th. The venue of the 4<sup>th</sup> *International Colloquium Compostela* will be in downtown Santiago de Compostela (San Roque, 2).

Although the organization may provide several travel grants, participants will be responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation. Further details about the conference will be available in due course in the 4ICC website: <http://iegps-peacemakers.blogspot.com>.