


Historians of Medieval Iberia propose a sponsored session at  
the Leeds Medieval Congress 2017:

# COMPARATIVE RECONQUESTS

 **Our aim** is to examine the conceptualization and practice of reconquest from a comparative viewpoint, considering how, in various circumstances and geographical situations, the terminology of *reconquest* is deployed. We seek to explore terminology and depictions of reconquests which make implicit and explicit claims in returning what has become other to rejoin what was before undivided and the same. We would thus welcome papers not only on the Iberian *reconquista* as traditionally understood, but on dreams, plans and execution of the reconquest of Jerusalem, Constantinople, al-Andalus, the Baltic, the Northern Kingdoms, ... indeed, anywhere where political actors seek to assert control over other's space by claiming that they are, in fact, re-asserting former control. We will look for three sessions, covering the following areas:

**Reconquest as narrative**

**Reconquest as ideal**

**Reconquest as praxis**

Abstracts of papers should be sent to [historiansofmedievaliberia@gmail.com](mailto:historiansofmedievaliberia@gmail.com) no later than 29 September 2016.

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