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Dear Colleagues:

The Cultural History Group (GRISCU) of the Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities of the Romanian Academy (Craiova) invites you to take part in the **International Conference *Image and Political Power in the Golden Age: the European Festive Culture between Representation and Instrumentalisation***, to be held in Craiova between **21-23 of October 2010**.

The 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries have represented, both in Spain and the Romanian countries Vallachia, Moldavia and Transylvania, an important moment for the flourishing of the nobiliar festive culture. The interest towards a new way of *savoir-faire*, together with the propaganda from the public space have determined the appearance of a certain sensibility and of a certain refinement. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the presence of the duke Diego de Estrada in Gabriel Bethlen's Transylvanian court encouraged the reception of the Spanish ceremonial, especially during dances, games and feasts.

This intriguing episode of common history determined the Romanian's Academy Cultural History Group to initiate the research grant *European Festive Culture between Representation and Instrumentalisation (16th-17th centuries)*, coordinated by Oana Andreia Sâmbrian-Toma (Romanian Academy, Craiova) and María Luisa Lobato (University of Burgos) who, together with a team of Spanish and Romanian researchers are studying the festive dimension of political power in Spain and the Romanian countries in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. During this first conference we intend to share the first results of our research, comparing the differences and similitudes and analysing the ways of reception.

Our conference shall select a limited number of papers from the submissions that shall be e-mailed to us before **15 of July 2010**. Each submission must include a title, a one page abstract and a short CV. They must be sent at both of the following addresses:

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The conference fee is 30 euros and 150 leis for Romanian participants. The languages of the conference are Spanish, English and French. Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes, while key speakers will be given 45 minutes for their expositions.

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In our next call for papers we shall give you information about the possibilities of accommodation in Craiova.

Best regards,

Oana Andreia Sâmbrian-Toma and María Luisa Lobato

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