

21st European Maya Conference

Hierarchy and Power in the Maya World

17 – 22 October 2016
Moscow, Russia

The 21st European Maya Conference will be held in Moscow, Russia, from 17 to 22 October 2016. The meeting is organized by the Knorozov Center for Mesoamerican Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities and the Department of Ancient History, Lomonosov Moscow State University in cooperation with Wayeb (European Association of Mayanists). The conference is supported financially by the Russian Scientific Foundation. It will combine three-and-a-half day workshops (October 17 – 20) and a symposium (October 21 – 22).

SYMPOSIUM

The theme of EMC in 2016 will be **"Hierarchy and Power in the Maya World"**.

For many decades discussions concerning Maya political organization were concentrated around competing theoretical models – such as theocratic model, 'city-state' model, 'regional state' model, and others. It was considered that the Maya area was generally organized in a uniform way although evolved and changed in time. Recent epigraphic, archaeological, and historic discoveries have demonstrated that the Maya society was always characterized by a wide variety of political organization and that different forms of power relations existed in time and space.

The conference will focus on various forms of construction and expression of the power in the Maya culture from prehispanic to modern times. Topics that will be covered include:

- origins and development of complex societies in the Maya area
- hierarchies and heterarchies in Maya societies
- political, economic, and ritual dimensions of power among the Maya
- Maya settlement patterns and political organization
- Maya and Western culture – oppression and resistance

Invited speakers will cover the conference theme from the different fields of Maya studies, including archaeology, epigraphy, and ethnohistory. These include:

- Tomás Barrientos (Universidad del Valle, Guatemala)
- Nikolai Grube (Bonn University)
- Stephen Houston (Brown University)
- Maria Josefa Iglesias and Andrés Ciudad (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
- Takeshi Inomata (University of Arizona)
- Simon Martin (University of Pennsylvania Museum)
- Philippe Nondédéo (CNRS-Université de Paris Panthéon) and Alfonso Lacadena (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
- Tsubasa Okoshi Harada (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
- David Stuart (The University of Texas at Austin)
- Erik Velásquez (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
- Dmitri Bondarenko, Dmitri Beliaev, Philipp Galeev (Russian State University for the Humanities) and Alexander Safronov (Lomonosov Moscow State University)

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Wayeb Conference Board invites the submission of abstracts concerning the conference topic. Papers will be selected from all subdisciplines of Maya Studies to cover the topic in all dimensions and from various perspectives. Presentations will be accepted in English and Spanish. Abstracts may not exceed 250 words. Contributions of authors who submit more than one abstract (including co-authored papers) will not be considered. Co-authorship needs to be indicated upon submission.

Please submit in electronic format (Word attachment) in the following order:

1. Author's name and affiliation
2. Address, phone number, and email address
3. Title of the paper
4. Abstract

Please submit your application to callforpapers@wayeb.org.

The abstracts will be forwarded without the author's particulars to an anonymous Review Committee that will be selected by the Wayeb Conference Board.

Due to the early dates of the 21st EMC the deadline for the call of papers this year is **1st of April, 2016**.

WORKSHOPS

The conference will be preceded by three-and-a-half day long workshops. Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced and Special workshops will be available. All groups will be taught and supervised by experienced tutors. Tuition will be available in English, Spanish, and Russian (at Beginners level).

The workshop includes introductory lecture.

There will be separate registration available for both events.

For more information, please contact the Wayeb Conference Board (ConferenceBoard@wayeb.org) or the local organizers at emc2016@wayeb.org and emc2016@fipp.ru.

Organizers in Moscow: Dmitri Beliaev, Alexander Safronov, Yulia Bernatskaya, Philipp Galeev, Sergei Vepretski, and Darya Baida.