It is with great pleasure that we announce that our University will be hosting the 6th Conference on Ancient History entitled “Memory, Religion and Society in the Ancient World”, which will take place on November 21st, 22nd and 23rd 2018. As in previous editions, this edition has been organized by the Area of Ancient History (Department of Ancient History, Medieval History and Paleography and Diplomatics) of the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Its Scientific Commission is composed of Prof. Drs. Adolfo Domínguez Monedero, Esther Sánchez Medina and Jorge García Cardiel.

This series of conferences was developed with the aim of creating a space for PhD students and young doctors to discuss and exchange ideas on hot topics of recent research about the Ancient world. These meetings follow a long path that started back in 2005, when they were welcomed with great enthusiasm. From then on, and with a biannual or triannual periodicity, this tradition has been kept alive through five editions (2005, 2007, 2010, 2012 and 2015), with the 6th edition being its continuation and coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of our University.

This year we want to focus on one of the most fascinating –and complex- aspects of our discipline from a multifocal perspective. As historical and anthropological research from the last decades has shown, memory and religion can be understood as cultural and social constructions, taking part in the creation and recreation of a shared cosmogony around which society revolves. If we accept that social memory comprises those discourses used for building a negotiated collective past that gives meaning to our present, and that religion provides human beings with an explanation of all those phenomena of our world that escape our empirical experience, we will conclude that religion and memory prove themselves to be effective ways for approaching ancient societies, their organization and their conception of the world in which they lived.

This Conference is aimed at PhD students and young doctors with clear lines of research as well as those who, by the time of the Conference, have started their research after having finished their postgraduate studies.

Participation in this Conference involves the presentation of short papers, which can be presented in Spanish, English, French, German, Portuguese or Italian. Proposals must be sent to the Organizing Commission via email before June 1st 2018, with the application form attached:

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All proposals will be evaluated by the Scientific Commission of the Conference. For any inquiries or clarifications, please, contact the Organizing Commission by the same email address.

Thank you for your interest. We are looking forward to receiving your proposals.