

**II International Conference**  
***War and Society in the Spanish Monarchy***  
***Politics, Strategy and Culture in Early Modern Europe (1500-1700)***

**Enrique García Hernán & Davide Maffi**  
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The conference will be divided into four sections: fleets and naval organisation; armies and warfare on land; political and cultural developments; war and society. The proceedings will be published in the series '*Historia de España y su proyección internacional*' by Albatros Ediciones. Place: Institute of History, CCHS, CSIC. <http://www.ih.csic.es/>

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