



FULBRIGHT SPAIN MEDITERRANEAN RESEARCH SEMINAR October 28 - 31, 2026

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 15:00 - 20:00** **Registration - *ongoing***
Hotel AC Marriott Alicante
- 20:00** **Free evening, no scheduled dinner**

DAY 2 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 07:00 - 08:30** **Breakfast at hotel**
- 8:30 - 9:00** **Opening Ceremony**
Hotel AC Marriott Alicante
Forum D
- 9:00 - 9:45** **Keynote speech**

Forum D

The Mediterranean: Bridges of a Shared Cultural Heritage. Haizam Amirah Fernández, Director of Centro de Estudios Árabes Contemporáneos, Fulbright alumni.

- 9:45 - 11:15** **Case Study Presentations**
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Forum D

Mediterranean Arts: Cultural identity, Exchange, and Heritage

- *New Visions of Heritage in Spain's Archaeological Museums.* Anna Kendrick (Spain)
- *Coastal Croatian Bagpipes: a trans-Mediterranean ancient technology.* Mat Muntz (Croatia)
- *Preserving Change: Andalusia, Music, and the Formation of Heritage.* Gabriel Chalick (France)

- 11:30 - 13:00** **[Poster Session](#)**
Casa Mediterráneo

- 13:15** **Departure to restaurant by bus**

- 14:00 - 17:00** **Paella Lunch**
Restaurante Cachito

- 17:15** **Departure to Elche by bus**

17:30 - 19:00	Cultural activity Guided tour of Elche
19:15	Departure to hotel by bus
20:00	Free evening, no scheduled dinner

DAY 3 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

07:00 - 09:00	Breakfast at hotel
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9:00 - 10:30	Case Study Presentations Hotel AC Marriott Alicante
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Forum C

Connected Mediterranean: Mobility, Exchange, and Cross-Border Networks

- *Reconstructing Mobility, Kinship, and Daily Life in Medieval Central Anatolia: Insights from Bioarchaeology.* Hannah Moots (Turkey)
- *Judeo-Spanish Letters in the Cairo Genizah.* Ilan Eisenberg (Israel)
- *Responsible Business Across Borders: How Firms Navigate Different Institutional Expectations.* Jose Godinez (Spain)

Forum D

Mediterranean Nature: Technology, Conservation, and Resilience

- *Applications of Computer Vision in Advancing Sustainable Mediterranean Forestry Management.* Kyle Pellerin (Slovenia)
- *Evaluating AI-Driven Plastic Characterization & Its Thermodynamic Impact on Maltese Loggerhead Sea Turtle Nesting Profiles.* Jennifer Sims (Malta)
- *Seagrass Restoration Across the Atlantic.* Anthony Murphy-Neilson (Spain)

10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break
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10:45 - 12:15	Case Study Presentations Hotel AC Marriott Alicante
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Forum C

Transforming Healthcare in the Mediterranean Region: Technology, Access, and Community

- *Uber for Medicine? Examining provider experiences with AI in healthcare management.* Sonali Kaluri (Spain)
- *Wireless Micro/Nano-Sensors for Future Connected and Accessible Healthcare:* Pai-Yen Chen (Spain)
- *Beyond the Clinic: Community Health Literacy and Chronic Disease Prevention in Bosnia and Herzegovina.* Priscilla Villalobos Ixcotoyac (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Forum D

Mediterranean Flavours: Past, Present, Future

- *Archaeology of Ancient Pottery and Alcohol in Spain and Greece.* John Arthur (Spain/Greece)
- *Traditional Knowledge as Livelihood: The Case of Moroccan Amazigh Saffron.* Isabel Bonhomme (Morocco)
- *Circular Gastronomy: Chefs as Sociocultural Change Agents in the Balearic Tourism System.* Sarra Talib (Spain)

12:15 - 12:30 **Coffee Break**

12:30 - 14:00 **Workshops**
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FORUM C
The Art of Talking About Science. Jessica Chomik-Morales (Spain)

FORUM D
Las palabras que llevamos / The Words We Carry. MiJin Cho (Spain)

FORUM A
Doing Fieldwork and Research in a Post-Conflict Society. Ahmet Dikyurt (Cyprus)

FORUM B
Intro to remote sensing applications for research. Yazan Hasan (Turkey)

CONSEJO A
Listening with the Landscape: Soundwalks and Multisensory Place-Making. Nikolina Zenović (Greece)

14:00 - 15:15 **Networking Lunch**
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15:30 **Departure to Castillo de Santa Bárbara by bus**

15:45 - 16:30 **Self-Guided Visit to Castillo de Santa Bárbara**

16:30 **Departure to hotel by bus**

16:30 - 19:30 **Free time**

19:30 - 20:00 **Closing words**
Casa Mediterráneo

20:00 - 21:30 **Farewell cocktail**
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DAY 4 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 - 12:00 **Breakfast & Hotel Check-Out**
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