

**PERE VERDÉS PIJUAN** (Vicfred, Lleida, 1970) has a PhD in Geography and History (Medieval History) from the University of Barcelona (2004). He has been a tenured scientist at the CSIC's Institución Milà i Fontanals since 2005. He was a predoctoral intern at this institution, where he did his PhD thesis on municipal finances in late medieval Catalonia (Cervera, 1387-1516), supervised by Dr Manuel Sánchez Martínez. He was subsequently taken on as a researcher at the Université Lumière-Lyon 2 (2004-2005), where he worked with Prof Denis Menjot on the creation of a glossary of medieval taxation.

He is currently in charge of the line of research *Taxation and Public Finances in the Crown of Aragon (13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Centuries)*, part of the research group "The Mediterranean and the Crown of Aragon in the Middle Ages: History, Language and Culture" in the IMF-CSIC's Department of Historical Sciences. This line was created in 1989 by M. Sánchez, and since 2008 its research has been carried out in the framework of the successive R+D projects directed by P. Verdés. The latest of these projects, still on-going, is entitled *The Economic and Demographic Situation in Catalonia in the Late Medieval Period: a Critical Analysis of Fiscal and Financial Indicators* (ref. HAR2014-54205-C2-1-P). He is also a member of the Consolidated Research Group *Feudal Income and Taxation in Late-Medieval Catalonia*, founded in 1995 by M. Sánchez and currently directed by Prof Pere Orti Gost (University of Girona). He also belongs, as a founding member, to the management committee of the thematic research network "Arca Comunis", created in 2008 and dedicated to the study of taxation in the Hispanic kingdoms since the thirteenth century. Internationally, as has been mentioned, he was one of the creators of the *Critical Glossary of Medieval Taxation*, which he still directs together with D. Menjot. This ambitious comparative history project has been carried out jointly since 2004 by the IMF-CSIC and the Université Lumière-Lyon 2, and is the result of international collaboration in which more than 50 researchers from different countries in Western Europe have taken part.

With regard to his research subjects, to date he has concentrated fundamentally on the study of the origins, the structure and the evolution of the municipal tax office in Catalonia during the Middle Ages: to be precise, the sources for its analysis, the creation and development of the financial institutions and the economic, political and social repercussions of the fiscal strategies adopted by local authorities in the context of the so-

called “late medieval crisis”. In relation to this subject, he has also studied the origin of public debt, the making of the fiscal discourse and the construction of political identity in Catalan cities from the thirteenth to fifteenth centuries. Aside from that, in the general context of urban history he has studied other issues such as, for example, the supply of cereals, the processes of fortification or the impact of warfare on medieval cities. Mention should be made of his particular interest in the history of the cultivation, trade in, and uses of, saffron in Catalonia and the Crown of Aragon in the late Middle Ages.

In 2005, P. Verdés joined the editorial board of the journal *Anuario de Estudios Medievales* and the editorial committee of the collection “Anejos de Anuario de Estudios Medievales”, and he is currently secretary of the journal and the collection of books published by the CSIC. At the same time, he is the scientist responsible for the bibliographical database *Repertorio de Medievalismo Hispánico*, produced since 1966 at the IMF-CSIC, and a member of the editorial committee of *International Medieval Bibliography*, published by the University of Leeds’s Institute for Medieval Studies, through the publishing house Brepols. Lastly, among other things, one must remember that P. Verdés is a member of the University of Barcelona’s Institute of Medieval Cultures (IRCVM) and that he is in charge of a CSIC Associated Unit of the University of Girona, along with Lluís To Figueras, a professor at that university. This unit shares the name of the above-mentioned research group: *Feudal Income and Taxation in Late-Medieval Catalonia*.

#### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE:**

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