PhD project: **Coastal villages in the 18th century**

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**Summary:** Most of ancient regime Galician villages belong to particular manors and a lot of them were located at coast. Until now municipal studies put their attention in provincial capitals, their institutions and oligarchies. The aim of this project is provide an approach to small Galician coastal villages by the 18th century, through three examples: Corcubion, Muros and Noia. Which were the institutional structures responsible of their government? How they worked? What were the differences between royal villages and cities ones? How important was the role played by the sea in their economies? Had that importance some influence in the local institutions? What kind of participation in municipal management had the seamen guilds?