



**Public Workshop | Conferenza pubblica**

**Interpreting the Human and Environmental History of Medieval Italy:  
Sources, Methods, and Potential**

**Interpretazione della storia umana e ambientale d'Italia Medievale:  
Fonti, metodi e potenzialità**

**June 17, 12:30-18:00**

**Aula Magna, John Cabot University Via della Lungara 233,  
Rome**

This public workshop will bring together art historians, historians, archaeologists, botanists, and paleoecologists for presentations and to discuss the ways in which evidence can be integrated across these diverse disciplines to understand changes in the landscape of medieval Italy. We seek to explore how data derived from the environment and human cultural production, at times contradictory, can be used to evaluate changes in climate and the effects of human modification on the landscape.

Presenters

**Scott Mensing** (Reno); **Gianluca Piovesan** (Viterbo); **Laura Sadori** (Rome);  
**Gaetano Di Pasquale** (Naples); **Mauro Paolo Buonincontri**, (Siena);  
**Pierluigi Pieruccini**, (Siena); **Davide Zori**, (Waco); **Gabriele Cifani**, (Rome);  
**Alison Perchuk** (Los Angeles); **Ned Schoolman** (Reno); **Elda Russo Ermolli**  
(Naples)

Conveners:

Lila Yawn (John Cabot University); Scott Mensing (University of Nevada,  
Reno) Gianluca Piovesan (Università della Toscana, Viterbo); Ned Schoolman  
(University of Nevada, Reno)

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Session 1: 12:30–2:00

“Interpreting Medieval environmental change in the Rieti Basin, Lazio by comparing paleoecological, paleoclimatic, historical and archaeological evidence.”

**Scott Mensing**, University of Nevada, Reno

**Gianluca Piovesan**, Università della Tuscia, Viterbo

“Palynology of central Mediterranean lacustrine records in historical times”

**Laura Sadori**, Sapienza Università di Roma

“Landscape changes in south Italy during late antiquity and Medieval period”

**Elda Russo Ermolli**, Università di Napoli, Federico II

Session 2: 2:30-4:00

“Chestnut, olive, and other cultural landscapes in the Medieval Tuscany (8th - 13th c. AD): lesson from archaeobotany”

**Gaetano Di Pasquale**, Università di Napoli, Federico II

**Mauro Paolo Buonincontri**, Università di Siena

“Geoarchaeological methods for assessing changing medieval physical landscapes: natural processes and land use”

**Pierluigi Pieruccini**, Università di Siena

“From Etruscan town to medieval fortified village at San Giuliano: A new archaeological project in Marturanum Park, Lazio”

**Davide Zori**, Baylor University

Session 3: 4:30-6:00

“La lunga durata di un ambiente naturale: osservazioni sulla Conca Reatina dall’antichità all’alto medioevo”

**Gabriele Cifani**, Università di Roma, Tor Vergata

“La storia dell’arte e la storia ambientale in Italia medievale: Appunti per un dialogo inaspettato”

**Alison Perchuk**, California State University, Channel Islands

“From Ravenna to Rieti: Describing Landscapes in the Charters of Early Medieval Italy”

**Ned Schoolman**, University of Nevada, Reno

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