University of Pisa, Aula Magna May 17-19

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Between Land Use and Environmental Change

History, Climate, and Paleoecology of Medieval Italy and Beyond













Tuesday, May 17

9:15 - 9:30

Giovanni Zanchetta, Annamaria Pazienza, Ned Schoolman Welcome

9:30 - 10:30

Madison Crow (University of Nevada, Reno/NYU)

The Reproductive Lives of Lombard Women: A Gendered Life Course Perspective

Lauren Baker (University of Nevada, Reno/CEU)

Migration and Landscape: Lombards and Ostrogoths in Italy during the Early Middle Ages

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:00

Taylor Zaneri (University of Amsterdam)

Landscape choice and land use in Medieval Lucca

Theo Dingemans (University of Nevada, Reno)

What do pollen records tell us about spatial and temporal patterns of landscape change over the last two millennia in Lucca and Rieiti?

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:30 - 15:30

Lorezno Tabarrini (Università di Bologna)

Lending to Agriculturists in Thirteenth-Century Lucchesia: The Register of Usacco of the Late Simeone (1230-1242)

Annamaria Pazienza (University of Nevada, Reno/Università Ca' Foscari Venezia) Land Ownership and Management in Italian Medieval Countryside

15:30 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 17:00

Giovanni Zanchetta, Ilaria Isola, and Monica Bini (Università di Pisa)

Paleohydrology variability during the Late Roman to Middle age and paleopollution in Italy

Adam Csank (University of Nevada, Reno)

Climate or people? That is the question. Ideas on how to disentangle climate related land use changes from human activities.





Wednesday, May 18

9:30 - 10:30

Simone Collavini and Paolo Tomei (Università di Pisa)

'Land politics' in Tuscany between Late Antiquity and the High Middle Ages

Ned Schoolman (University of Nevada, Reno)

Scale and Change: Reconsidering Sources for Climate and Environment at Continental and Local Levels

10:30 - 11:00 Break

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Mariechristine Garcia (University of Southern California)

Hagiography as Proxy: Religious Narratives Exploring Landscape Change

Jonah Bibo (University of Nevada, Reno)

Conceptualize a Changing Landscape: Land Use and Change in the Aniene Valley

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:00

Jordan Palli and Gianluca Piovesan (Università degli Studi della Tuscia, Viterbo) Silver fir (Abies alba Mill.) in southern Italy and the restoration of multi-layered highly biodiverse mountain forests

Davide Zanchettin et alii (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia)

Bridging modelling, proxies and historical written records to understand past climate evolution: The example of the persistent cooling over the North Atlantic following the 1600CE Huaynaputina eruption

15:30 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 17:00

Scott Mensing (University of Nevada, Reno)
Using pollen to reconstruct environmental history



Thursday, May 19

10:00 - 12:00 Putting it together