PROGRAM

Thursday, 4 May, 2017

9.00 Welcome and introductory remarks: Nicola Carpentieri (UAB)

Keynote Talk:  *History is a Lie: Reading Muslim Sicily as Contested Space*
William Granara (Harvard University)
Time: 9.15-9.45

Session 1: Contested Spaces/Negotiating Authority
Time: 9.45-11.30
Chair: William Granara (Harvard University)

Drew Sorber (University of Virginia)

Paper 1-b: Carthage Must be Destroyed - Carthage Must be Remembered: Competing Visions of The Classical Past in the Central Mediterranean
Allen Fromherz (Georgia State University)

Paper 1-d: "alā fuwīr Tuṭīla": religious minorities in the fueros of Tudela and the shaping of community boundaries, c.1119-1220 AD
Rodrigo Garcia-Velasco (Cambridge University)

Gonçalo Matos-Ramos (University of Lisbon)
Coffee Break: 11.30-11.45

Session 2: Writing Turmoil in the Arabic and Jewish Tradition
Time: 11.45-13.30
Chair: Alexander Fidora (UAB)

Paper 2-a: The Turn to Ethical Writing in Times of Turmoil
Sarah J. Pearce (NYU)

Paper 2-b: “..and God dispersed their unity”: historiographical patterns about the end of the Muslim rule in Sicily and al-Andalus
Roberta Denaro (Università di Napoli "L'Orientale")

Paper 2-c: "For your sake we are slain all day long" (Psa. 44:22): Maimonides and Joseph Ibn ‘Aqnin's Responses to the Almohad Anti-Jewish Persecutions
Liran Yadgar (Yale University)

Paper 2-d: The Prosecution of the Dhimmīs in the Era of the Almohad Caliph ‘Abd al-Mu’min
Jonas Elbousty (Yale University)

Lunch: 13.30-15.00

Session 3: Intellectual Networks/Syncretic Scholars
Time: 15.00-17.15
Chair: Alex Metcalfe (Lancaster University)

Paper 3-a: Intellectual networks and legitimacy in a time of turmoil: the case of the taifa of Denia
Travis Bruce (McGill University)

Paper 3-b: An intellectual struggle over the Strait: Ibn al-Khatib and his contemporaries
Laila M. Jreis Navarro (University of Granada)
Annalisa Verza (Universita' di Bologna)

Paper 3-d: Arguing for scholarly tradition and defending scholarly authority: al-Qāḍī ʿIyāḍ’s al-Gunya
Nora S. Eggen (University of Oslo)

Paper 3-e: From Al-Andalus and al-Magreb to the Orient: the crime of insulting Muhammad: Maliki influences on Ibn Taymiyya
Rocio Daga (Ludwig-Maximilian Universität-Munich)

Friday, 5 May, 2017

Keynote Talk: Data-collection in Islamic and Norman Sicily: writing, archiving and deleting
Alex Metcalfe (Lancaster University)
Time: 9.00-9.30

Session 4: Sicily and the Mediterranean: Political and Military Networks
Time: 9.30-11.00
Chair: Alex Metcalfe (Lancaster University)

Paper 4-a: Ṭurṭūša, Ṭarābaniš and Tūnis. The source approach to the the Andalusian fleet of Fargalūš and its foray in Byzantine Sicily
Xavier Ballestín (Universitat de Barcelona)

Paper 4-b: Warlord or Peacemaker? The reign of Frederick II between the poles of historical sources and archaeological evidence on Monte Iato
Nicole Mölk (University of Innsbruck)
Paper 4-c:  **The Mediterranean against Sicily: the schism between Honorius II and Anacletus II and the recognition of Roger II as a king**  
Inês Lourinho (University of Lisbon)

**Coffee Break:**  **11.00-11.15**

**Session 5**  **Mediterranean Encounters: Between Dialogue and Polemic**

**Time:**  **11.15-13.30**

**Chair:** Francesca Maria Corrao (LUISS University, Rome)

**Paper 5-a:**  **ʿAbd al-Raḥmān III in the Life of John of Gorze**  
Natalie Levin (Indiana University)

**Paper 5-b:**  **Christian-Norman churches of Sicily and monuments of ancient Egypt in Ibn Jubayr's travelogue: fascination and disquiet in contemplating admirable contemporary Christian buildings, Islamic integration of a prestigious pagan past and its mirabilia**  
Giovanna Calasso (Sapienza University of Rome)

**Paper 5-c:**  **Duels, Dialogue, and Power in al-Andalus: The Courtly Ritual Ijāzah**  
Samuel England (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

**Paper 5-d:**  **The role and significance of holding, recording and dispersing the munaẓarāt – disputations in the early Fatimid Ifriqiya**  
Aslisho Qurboniev (Cambridge University)

**Paper 5-e:**  **Ibn Khaldun's Eulogy of Ibn al-Khatib: Friendship in Tragic Times**  
Lillian Farhat (Independent Scholar)

**Lunch:**  **13.30-15.00**
Keynote Talk: Arab metaphors and the Sicilian poetic school
Francesca Maria Corrao (LUISS University - Rome)
Time: 15.00-15.30

Session 6: Translation, Adaptation, Adoption
Time: 15.30-17.15
Chair: Nicola Carpentieri (UAB)

Paper 6-a: Translation and Politics in Sicily between Staufen and Angevin Rules: Jews, Monarchs and Texts from the Islamic World
Lucia Finotto (Independent scholar)

Paper 6-b: The transmission of Arabic knowledge to England through al-Andalus in the 12th century: the cases of Adelard of Bath, Robert of Chester and Daniel of Morley
Alexis Rivera Luque (El Colegio de México)

Paper 6-c: From Bayt to Stanza: New Approaches to the Scuola Siciliana
Ally Ladha (University of Connecticut)

Paper 6-d: Fictions and Forgeries, Emperors and Others: How Does a Moorish Prince Become a Roman Caesar?
Keith Budner (UC Berkeley)

Wrap-up: 17.15-17.45

20.00 Dinner (Optional-RVSP)