

The workshop **Around&Beyond: Climate, Environment, and Society in Mediterranean and Italian Landscapes** will gather a pool of international scholars in Mestre (Venice) who are committed to the study of human-environment and human-climate interactions in the Mediterranean region during the Middle Ages. Studying these interactions requires the integration of a number of different scientific approaches (historical, archaeological, paleobotanic) and data sets (written texts, material culture and proxy data from natural records).

In recent years global warming and ecological disasters have become an urgent problem, one which poses big challenges and sets new tasks for experts in many different disciplines. Our understanding of present environmental issues is inextricably linked to the actions and responses of past societies as they faced issues related to climatic and environmental changes. How we must interpret these phenomena now and then is still a matter of debate

This workshop intends to be a unique occasion to reexamine this issue and for all its participants to engage with the latest developments in this field. At the same time, it will provide researchers with different national and academic backgrounds an opportunity to share their expertise while facilitating new scientific collaborations for future research.



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Workshop / Convegno  
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## **AROUND&BEYOND: CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, AND SOCIETY IN MEDITERRANEAN AND ITALIAN LANDSCAPES**

27 September / 27 Settembre 2024

Sala Riunioni B (edificio ZETA)

Campus Scientifico - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

# Programme / Programma

9h30-10

## Welcome

**Annamaria Paziienza**

Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

**Davide Zanchettin**

Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

10h - 10h30

**Elena Xoplaki** (Justus Liebig University Giessen): *Climate and Societies in the Medieval Mediterranean Basin*

10h30 – 11h

**Jürg Luterbacher** (Justus Liebig University Giessen): *Proxies, Climate Reconstructions and Regional Teleconnections across the Mediterranean during the 1st Millennium CE*

11h - 12h

Coffee break / Pausa caffè

12h - 12h30

**Helen Foxhall Forbes** (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia): *Famine and the Late Antique Little Ice Age in Italy*

12h30 - 14h

Lunch / Pranzo

14h - 14h30

**Scott Mensing – Theodor Dingemans** (University of Nevada, Reno / Augustana College): *Roman to Medieval Landscape Change at Lake Bientina (Italy)*

14h30 - 15h

**Adam Csank** (University of Nevada, Reno): *Developing Climate Records to Provide Context for Understanding Landuse Change in Italy*

15h - 15h30

**Federico Cantini** (Università di Pisa): *The Exploitation of Environmental Resources in the Carolingian Age: The Case of the Royal and Marquis Curtes*

15h30 - 16h

Coffee break / Pausa caffè

16h - 16h30

**Simone Collavini – Paolo Tomei** (Università di Pisa): *Society, Environment, and Change: Two Cases for an Interdisciplinary Dialogue. Sesto and Altopascio in the Light of Written Sources (600-1200 AD)*

16h30 - 17h30

Conclusions from **Ned Schoolman** (University of Nevada, Reno) and Discussion

## Scientific Committee / Comitato Scientifico

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