



International Study Day
Material Culture: Bridging Archaeology and Anthropology

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History and Archaeology. Studies on Heritage, Memory and Cultures

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9:30-10:00

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Prof. **Francesco Iacono**

(Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna)

Prof. **Luca Jourdan**

(Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna)



Panel #1

Methodologies and Practices: Excavations, Fieldworks, Collecting

Chair: **Emma Beatrice Farina**

10:00-10:15. **A. Bagatella** (Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna)

The digging body: an ethnographic perspective on archaeological apprenticeship and its material engagement.

10:15-10:30. **A. L. Malatesta Paradisi** (Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna)

Embodying ambivalence: human remains in the archaeological practice, a case study.

10:30-10:45. **F. Mastromarino** (Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna)

Mobility and ethnicity in the barbarian West: the challenges of combining laboratory analysis and anthropological-archaeological studies.

10:45-11:00

Discussion



11:00-11:15
Coffee Break





Panel #2
Material Agency
Chair: **Marianna Bucchioni**

11:15-11:30. **J. M. J. Marshal** (Goa University)

Stone as Testimony: The Legal Agency, Ritual Re-enactment and the Italian Carmelite Ruins in Old Goa.

11:30-11:45. **B. Risposi** (University of Rome - Tor Vergata)

One Life Is Not Enough: Socio-Cultural and Economic Value of Bronze Objects in Archaic Megara Hyblaea (Sicily).

11:45-12:00. **Y. Nabati-Mazloumi** (University of Glasgow)

Against the Current: Rethinking Rivers as Cultural Environments in Iraqi Kurdistan.

12:00-12:15. **F. Pellegrinotti** (CONICET-CENPAT)

Objects, Things, Hyperobjects. A Cultural Biography of Pine Plantations through the lens of Wildfires in Argentine Patagonia

12:15-12:30

Discussion



Panel #3
Bodies as Material Culture, Embodied Knowledge and Practices
Chair: **Nicola Pollon**

12:30-12:45. **M. Monti di Sopra** (Independent researcher)

Skin as Archive, Body as Critique. Trans Embodiment in contemporary Bangkok's genderscapes.*

12:45-13:00. **B. Bortolotti** (University of Perugia)

Between Person and Thing: Cremated Remains in Contemporary Cultural Anthropology.

13:00-13:15. **L. Brophy Browne** (Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna)

Cosmetic Objects in Roman and Late Antique Funerary Contexts: Gender, Identity and Material Culture.

13:15-13:30

Discussion



13:30-15:00
Lunch Break



15:00-15:45
Keynote Lecture
Prof. **Dan Hicks**
(University of Oxford)

15:45-16:00
Questions & Discussion



Panel #4

The Museum Gaze: Heritage and Exposition

Chair: **Angela Bosco**

16:00-16:15. **A. Abedi** (University of Tehran)

When Objects Outshine Power: Material Abundance and Dynastic Decline in Modern Iran.

16:15-16:30. **K. Vlasakidou Salachora** (Ionian University)

Material Culture, Labour, and Memory in the Mining Landscape of Laurion (Greece): An Ethnoarchaeological Approach to Difficult Heritage.

16:30-16:45. **P. Carera** (University of Bergamo)

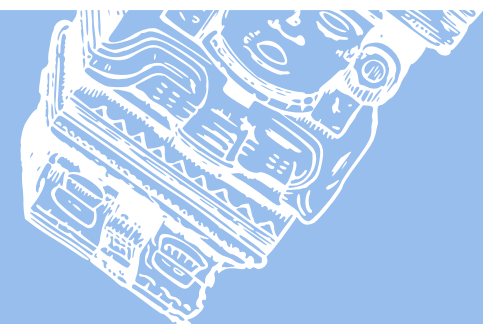
Relics of Nelson's Pillar. Material Agency, Iconoclasm, and Colonial Memory in Dublin.

16:45-17:00 **R. Rossi** (EHESS Paris)

Opacity as Reference, Opacity as Practice. The Case of the "Museo delle Opacità" at MUCIV, Rome.

17:00-17:15

Discussion



17:15-17:30

Coffee Break

17:30-18:30

Closing Remarks by

Prof. Friedemann Yi-Neumann

(University of Helsinki)

&

Final discussion chaired by

Prof. Andrea Augenti

(Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna)

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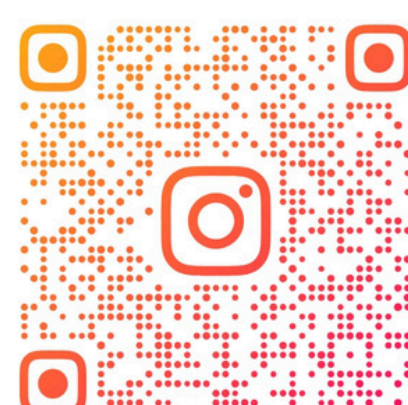
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