



Conference programme



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APRIL 13 - MONDAY

- 12:00 Registration Opens
- 13:40 Opening ceremony: Dr. Oscar Jané, Vicerector de Relacions Internacionals (UAB), Dr. Carles Sánchez, Vicedegà de Comunicació, Territori i Reptes (UAB), Dr. J. Antoni Iglesias-Fonseca, Director del Departament de Ciències de l'Antiguitat i de l'Edat Mitjana (UAB)
- 14:00 Carlo Citter, Welcome from the MERC President

Chair: Mária Vargha

- 14:20 Gerard Matser, *Fields and a Lot of Rain: Farming in Early Medieval Brittany*
- 14:40 Manuel Tristán Martín Ruiz, *Archaeological Research on Andalusí Huelva: Critical Review and Future Perspectives*
- 15:00 Mauro Vassena, *Bishops, Citizens, Towns. The Development of Medieval Urbanism in Northern Italy between the 9th and 12th Centuries*
- 15:20 Jana Škrkulja, *Between Three Polities: The Archaeology of Frontiers in the 10th and 11th Century Southwestern Pannonia (modern Northwestern Croatia)*
- 15:40 Discussion
- 16:00 Coffee break

Chair: Saša Čaval

- 16:20 Björk Košir, *From Graves to Graphs: The Application of Deep Learning Models to Early Medieval Mortuary Archaeology*
- 16:40 Dominika Václavíková, *Cemeteries in the 11th – 1st half of the 13th century in the area of the early medieval agglomeration of Olomouc*
- 17:00 Almir Peco, *Correlating Stećci Tombstones and Written Records to Reconstruct Social Hierarchies in Medieval Bosnia*
- 17:20 Discussion

Chair: Jakub Sawicki

- 17:40 Patrycja Godlewska, *Textile Tools in the “Hands” of Animals: Animal Burials with Spindle Whorls and Their Relationship to the Margins of Early Medieval Manuscripts*
- 18:00 Lisa Fenucci, *Beyond Sexual: Rethinking Late Medieval Badges*
- 18:40 Izidor Janzekovic, *The Medieval Narratives in the Archaeology of Mid-War and Post-War Yugoslavia*
- 19:00 Discussion
- 19:30 Opening reception

APRIL 14 - TUESDAY

Chair: Andreia Rodrigues

09:20 Assunta Campi, *Beyond Typology: Band-Painted Pottery from the Fortified Site of Castelmonardo (Calabria, Italy)*

09:40 Jorge Branco, Rodrigo Banha da Silva, *Everyday life in times of war: material culture in the suburbs of al-Ushbuna (Lisbon) during the 12th century*

10:00 André Bargão, Sara da Cruz Ferreira, Rodrigo Banha da Silva, *Marks and Meaning: Valencian storage jars in Late Medieval Lisbon (Portugal)*

10:20 Discussion

10:40 Coffee break

Chair: Aleks Pluskowski

11:00 Anastasija Stojanović, Nevena Marjanović, *Rethinking Medieval Settlement Patterns in Southern Hungary: Case Study from Feketić*

11:20 Filip Stefanović, *From Necropolis to Village: Reconstructing the Topography of the Petrus Area Based on Archaeological and Historical Sources*

11:40 Petra Nikšić, Petra Jeršek, *Late Medieval Village in Eastern Croatia – the Archaeological Site Stružani - Bregovi*

12:00 Discussion

Chair: Monika Miloslajević

12:20 Cristina Martínez-Álvarez, *From Workshops to Communities: Standardisation, Networks, and Social Consumption in the Ilbira Region (9th–11th c.)*

12:40 Nóra Buránszki, *Pottery and Economic Networks: Workshops and Trade Routes at Medieval Margat Castle*

13:00 Jorge Branco, André Teixeira, Rodrigo Banha da Silva, Sérgio Rosa, Telmo António *Late medieval ceramics from Almada: everyday life, economy and society in a Portuguese riverside village.*

13:20 Discussion

13:40 Lunch break

Chair: Sam Turner

15:20 Jan Gryz, *What makes a cairn? Difficulties in classification of archaeological features as exemplified by Trullhalsar cemetery (Anga parish, Gotland, Sweden)*

15:40 Iman Fetahović, *Interpreting stećci: past research and creation of narratives*

- 16:00 Eva Busschots, *Concealed Devotion: Painted Burial Tombs in Late Medieval Bruges*
16:20 Konstantin Stalev, *Between fear and salvation: Deviant burials and the idea of the "Dangerous dead" in the Eastern Balkans (14th-17th c.) – Archaeological and Anthropological evidence from the Necropolis at Cape Chirakman*

16:40 Discussion

Chair: Jesus Brufal

- 17:00 Mateusz Solarz, *Animal building sacrifices in Eastern Pomerania (10th–13th Centuries): archaeological, ethnological and historical perspectives*
17:20 Matthias Biro-Sarrias, *The wall of the Alcazaba of Bayra (Vera, Almería): Occupation Chronology and Spatial Organisation of a Medieval Site*
17:40 Discussion

18:00 Sightseeing

APRIL 15 - WEDNESDAY

Chair: Mária Vargha

- 09:20 Petra Jeršek, *Military equipment production in the early Carolingian period – the significance of Dalmatian finds*
09:40 María Isabel Molina Campuzano, *Material culture from Madīna Balaghī (Pla d'Almatà, Balaguer): a study of the Andalusī metal assemblage*
10:00 Natalia Sawicka, *The Material Culture of the Book in Medieval Wrocław*
10:20 Discussion
10:40 Coffee break

Chair: Maxime Poulaine

- 11:00 Tamara Šarkiċ, *Burials in coffins: from eternal rest to postmortem unrest*
11:20 Solenn Troadec, *An archaeological project tracking plague in early medieval France*
11:40 Raquel Enrich, *Maqbara de Ribaforada. Archaeological Excavation and Anthropological Study*
12:00 Discussion

Chair: Pavla Tomonavá

12:20 Zana Hoxha, *Architectural legacy of Emperor Justinian in Ancient Dardania*

12:40 Alessandra Coleschi, *The evolution of Simeri castle from fortress to residence: a rural case of power representation of the local nobility*

13:00 Liam Downs-Tepper, *Insights into Fortified Churches*

13:20 Discussion

13:40 Lunch break

Chair: Carlo Citter

15:20 Daniele Ricchiuti, *Counts and Church: seigneurial competition in the Rhenish-Luxembourg region and Northern Latium through landscape archaeology (11th -12th Centuries)*

15:40 Raúl Muñoz, *Routes and pastoral landscape in the Andalusi district of Lleida (8th-12th centuries)*

16:00 Marco Martini, *Coastal Towers as Defensive Network: Spatial Analysis of the Aragonese Defensive System in the Vibo Valentia Area*

16:20 Jaan Verliefdien, *Living in the Shadow of the Zwin Towns. An interdisciplinary study of moated sites between Bruges and Damme (Belgium)*

16:40 Discussion

Chair: Sarah Kerr

17:00 Camilla Felicioni, *Formation and transformation of Calabrian castles: the Angevin innovations*

17:20 Giandomenico Fiore, *Applying the stratigraphic method to medieval fortified architecture: the castle of Ceglie del Campo (Bari, Italy)*

17:40 Ruairi Falvey *Castles, Cannons and Cromwell: Rethinking the end of castles in Ireland*

18:00 Discussion

18:20 MERC Committe Meeting (Seminar B7 130B)

APRIL 16 - THURSDAY

Chair: Petar Parvanov

09:20 Sonia Medina, *The Making of Semantic-Rich Information: A Methodological Framework for Studying the Early Medieval Past of the Sierra de la Demanda (Spain)*

09:40 Ana Smuk, Molly Larkby, *How Medieval Are Our Seeds? Distinguishing Bioturbation from Burial Ritual in Milavići, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

10:00 Discussion

10:20 Coffee break

Chair: Aleks Pluskowski

10:40 Michal Mrva, *Did they eat deer meat above the Deer Moat? Archaeological and archaeometric observations on settlement and cuisine in the area The Supreme Burgrave's House in the Prague Castle*

11:00 Discussion

Chair: Jakub Sawicki

11:20 Brett Pine, *Challenging Hybridity: Material Exchange as a Signifier of Cultural Acceptance between Danes and West Slavs in Early Medieval Denmark from the 9th through 12th centuries*

11:40 Giulia Cati, *Iconographic analysis of medieval medical codices: preliminary results and archaeological applications*

12:00 Guillem Alcolea, María Isabel Molina, Andrea Collado, *Houses and material culture: the recently excavated House 15 in the city of Madina Balaghi (Balaguer, Catalonia, Spain)*

12:20 Summary discussion

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