

The conference's primary objective is to facilitate a gathering where young international scholars can come together to exchange their research findings and innovative ideas. This event will provide doctoral candidates, post-doctoral researchers, and scholars from Austria, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland with a platform to present their research, all directly related to the rich history of ancient Sicily and Southern Italy. Each presentation will have a 30-minute slot to delve into their topics. Geographically, our scope ranges from Monte Iato in northwestern Sicily to the Salento region in the east of the Italian mainland. Chronologically, we'll explore the diverse historical eras, from the indigenous settlements of the archaic period to the earliest foundations of Greek colonies, all the way to the Roman era, including its ports and opulent bathhouses.

This conference continues the tradition of annual meetings that bring together young scholars passionate about the fascinating history of ancient Sicily, a tradition that has been thriving since 2020.

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**CONFERENCE
27–28 OCTOBER 2023**

FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER

08:50 Registration

09:00 Welcoming and Introduction

PROCESSES OF URBANISATION

09:15 Maximilian Kubon
στάσις and φυγάδες: Some Observations on Political Expulsion and (Re)integration in Archaic Syracuse and Gela

09:45 Discussion

10:00 Jessika Armbrüster
On the Way to the Polis: New Research on Peristyle House 1 and its Surrounding Residential Buildings of the 3rd Century BC on Monte Iato (Western Sicily)

10:30 Discussion

10:45 ————— Coffee break ————— 11:00

11:00 Paola Santospagnuolo
The Introduction of the Roman Bathing Culture in Sicily (2nd-1st Cent. BC): New Actors, Interconnections, and Meaning

11:30 Discussion

11:45 Giovanni Polizzi
Urban Evolution in the Sicilian Punic Centers in the Second Century B.C.: Solunto and Lilybaeum

12:15 Discussion

12:30 ————— Lunch break ————— 13:30

13:30 Francesco Saverio Modica
Transformation of Urban Spaces in the Cities of Central-Northern Sicily in Late Antiquity

14:00 Discussion

SANCTUARIES/CULT

14:15 Hannah Renner
From Pots to Bodies: Conceptualizing Ritual Dynamics in the Development of the Sicilian Poleis

14:45 Discussion

15:00 ————— Coffee break ————— 15:30

15:30 Marcella Boglione
Each Fragment has a Story to Tell

16:00 Discussion

16:15 Alina Bell
Deposits all over the Place – Ritual Activities outside the Gates of the Ancient City of Akragas

16:45 Discussion

~ 18:30 ————— Meeting for dinner —————

SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER

ARCHITECTURE

09:15 Claudia Widow
Transforming Urban Space - Diachronic Research on Public Buildings, Urban Sanctuaries and Squares of Ancient Poseidonia - Paestum

09:45 Discussion

10:00 Gian Michele Gerogiannis
Research in the Theater Area of Agrigento. New Data

10:30 Discussion

10:45 ————— Coffee break ————— 11:00

11:00 Francesca Spadaro
Hellenistic Fortifications in Sicily. A Reassessment

11:30 Discussion

11:45 Alexander Reich
The Ports of the Southern Coast of Sicily in the Roman Republic

12:15 Discussion

12:30 ————— Lunch break ————— 13:30

13:30 Steven Götz
The Roman Maritime Villa in Different Dimensions. A Comparison of Architecture with Roman Landscape Paintings in the Virtual Three-Dimensional Medium

14:00 Discussion

RESSOURCES/PRODUCTION

14:15 Sabrina Fusetti
Monte Iato (Pa, Sicily): The Development of the Indigenous Ceramic Production from the 8th Century to the Middle of the 5th Century B.C.

14:45 Discussion

15:00 ————— Coffee break ————— 15:30

15:30 Nicoletta Di Benedetto
Ancient Quarries in Messapia and Daunia: A Preliminary Archaeological and Archaeometric Study of the Main Extraction Sites

16:00 Discussion

16:15 Florian Birkner
Petrology and Provenance of Building Materials for the Ancient Greek City of Agrigento

16:45 Discussion

17:00 ————— Coffee break ————— 17:15

17:15 Final discussion