

Levant Antiquarianism Research Group Meeting:

February 1-2, 2023

Badia Fiesolana Sala del Capitolo , EUI Florence

PROGRAM

Day One, February 1

9:00 – 9:30	Opening remarks, introductions, Lauren Kassell	
9:30– 11:30	Session 1: Travel Narrative	
	Valentina Pugliano	“Antiquarianism on the Go”
	Respondent:	Jonathan Sachs
	Rosemarie Sweet	“Locating the Levant in the antiquarian imagination, c. 1750-1820”
	Respondent:	Jillian Heydt-Stevenson
11:30– 11:45	Coffee	
11:45-13:45	Session 2: Scriptural Pasts	
	Simon Mills	"Biblical Scholarship and Levantine Antiquarianism: A Tale of Two Mountains"
	Respondent:	Zoe Beenstock
	Avinoam Yuval-Naeh	“Jewish Antiquarianism and Early Modern Economy”
	Respondent:	Zur Shalev
13:45 - 15:00	Break	
15:00 – 17:00	Session 3: Dilettanti	
	Umberto Signori	"The vigilance of Levantine curiosities. The unknown (failed) collection of antique medals of bailo Giacomo Querini"
	Respondent:	Valentina Pugliano
	Jonathan Sachs	“Levantine Antiquarianism and Byron’s <i>Childe Harold</i> 1-2”
	Respondent:	Rosemarie Sweet
17:00 – 17:15	Coffee	
17:15 – 18:15	Session 4: Visitors’ panel	
	Emanuele Giusti	“Between the Bible and Oriental history: The antiquarianism of Jean Chardin (1643-1713)”
	Paul Csillag	“Pupil or Teacher? – The Eastern Mediterranean in the Narrative of Abel-François Villemain”

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Day Two, February 2

9:15 – 11:15	Session 1: Tombs and Remembrance	
	Damiano Acciarino	“Tombs and Funerals in the Near East: the antiquarian investigations of Pierre Belon and Ulisse Aldrovandi”
	Respondent:	Simon Mills
	Jillian Heydt-Stevenson	“I stand alone ... Mid wasted domes, / And mould’ring tombs, / The wrecks of vanity and pow’r’: Thomas Love Peacock as Poet-Antiquarian in Palmyra”
	Respondent:	Avinoam Yuval-Naeh
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee	
11:30 – 13:30	Session 2: Natural Histories	
	Noah Heringman	“Herodotus’s Egyptian Travelogue as a Source for Eighteenth-Century Accounts of Geology and Human Antiquity”
	Respondent:	Damiano Acciarino
	Sundar Henny	“Bringing it all back home: So-called Agnus Dei from the Holy Land”
Respondent:	Umberto Signori	
13:30-14:30	Break	
14:30-15:00	Session 3: Visitor Panel	
	Ana Struillou, “From Rome to Peru: Spanish and French Engagement with North African Materiality (1530-1640)”	
15:00– 17:00	Session 4: Sacred Antiquarianism	
	Zur Shalev	“Building Carmelite Pasts: Giambattista di Sant’ Alessio and the ‘Compendio Istorico ... del Carmelo’ (1780)”
	Respondent:	Noah Heringman
	Zoe Beenstock	“Palestine Goes to Scotland: Returns from the Crusades in Walter Scott’s <i>The Talisman</i> ”
Respondent:	Sundar Henny	
17:00-17:15	Coffee break	
17:15-18:30	Concluding remarks, future plans	