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30-31 MAY 25

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



RESILIENCE AND ANTIFRAGILITY IN
HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY.

RECONSTRUCTING THE COMPLEXITY OF
HUMAN-ENVIRONMENTAL INTERACTIONS IN THE PAST

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 30 MAY 2025

9:15-9:20 – Participants' welcome

9:20-9:35 – Introduction

Valentina Limina (FNRS, UCLouvain)

9:35-9:45 – Welcome greetings

Marco Cavalieri (UCLouvain)

9:50-10:35 – Inaugural Lecture

Olivier Hamant

(INRAE, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon)

«Robustness: how to land» - Online

10:35-10:50 – Discussion

10:50-11:10 – Coffee Break

SESSION 1: DYNAMICS OF CHANGE AND RESILIENCE THEORY IN HUMAN-ENVIRONMENTAL INTERACTIONS

Chairperson: **Dario Monti** (UCLouvain)

11:10-11:55 – **Philip Riris** (Bournemouth University)

«Long-term population resilience: an archaeological perspective»

12:00-12:30 – **Rodolfo Brancato**

(Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II)

«Traces of Resilience, Signs of Discontinuity? The Agrarian Landscape of Atella (Campania) in the In.Res.Agri Project»

12:30-12:45 – Discussion

12:45-13:45 – Lunch Break

13:45-14:15 – **Sanne de Jong**

(Radboud University, Nijmegen)

«Standing tall: Resilience and institutional responses to volcanic-induced climatic changes and the resulting socio-political challenges in the Eastern Roman Empire (536-550 CE)»

14:15-14:45 – **Giuseppe Perta** (Università degli Studi Suor Orsola Benincasa, Napoli)

«From one island to another. The long-lasting resilience of the Order of St. John (XI-XV centuries)»

14:45-15:00 – Discussion

15:00-15:15 – Coffee Break

SESSION 2: ANTIFRAGILITY & ALTERNATIVE THEORETICAL APPROACHES IN HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECONSTRUCTIONS (PART I)

Chairperson: **Valentina Limina** (FNRS, UCLouvain)

15:15-16:00 – **Francesco Salvestrini**

(Università degli Studi di Firenze)

«Beyond Resilience and Antifragility. Laws, environment, and society in Medieval Italy»

16:00-16:30 – **Giulia Arrighetti**

(Università degli studi di Milano)

«Gassino Torinese : l'antifragilità d'un bourg sur le fleuve Pô face à la crise du XIV^e siècle»

16:30-17:00 – **Bastien Baudy**

(Université Côte d'Azur, Nice)

«Reconstituer les écosystèmes de cultures de plantes à parfum et l'antifragilité de la parfumerie au XVIII^e siècle»

17:00-17:30 – Discussion & Closing of the day

SATURDAY, 31 MAY 2025

SESSION 2: ANTIFRAGILITY & ALTERNATIVE THEORETICAL APPROACHES IN HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECONSTRUCTIONS (PART II)

Chairperson: **Dario Monti** (UCLouvain)

9:00-9:30 – **Edoardo Vanni**

(Università per Stranieri, Siena)

«Persistence des systèmes socio-environnementaux dans les paysages marginaux méditerranéens»

9:30-10:00 – **Simonetta Menchelli, S. Marini, P. Sangriso, D. Belcari**

(Università di Pisa)

«Vada Volaterrana: A Roman port and its resilience and antifragility cases» - Online

10:00-10:30 – **Salma Rouyett**

(Mohammed V University, Rabat)

«Resilience and Antifragility in the Evolution of Morocco's Volubilis»

10:30-10:40 – Discussion

10:40-10:50 – Coffee Break

SESSION 3: CROSS-DISCIPLINARY APPLICATIONS AND METHODS TO RECONSTRUCT COMPLEX SYSTEMS IN THE PAST

Chairperson: **Valentina Limina** (FNRS, UCLouvain)

10:50-11:35 – **Dries Daems**

(Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

«Social Complexity and Human-Environment Interactions: Theoretical and Computational Approaches»

11:35-12:05 – **Ramona Harrison**

(University of Bergen)

«Delicate Accounts of Resilience and Antifragility from the Two Valleys Research Project. Contextualizing multi-scalar, cross-disciplinary investigations of human-environment exchanges in medieval Iceland»

12:05-12:15 – Discussion

12:15-12:30 – General discussion and Closing remarks