



AGRARIAN CHANGES AND RURAL SETTLEMENT PATTERNS IN LATE ANTIQUE, BYZANTINE AND ISLAMIC WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN



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THURSDAY, 25TH MAY

5.20 pm **Welcome**

Panel 1: Economy, Elites and Peasants: Late Antiquity/ Byzantium 5.30–7.35 pm

Peter Sarris (Cambridge):
*Peasants and Economic Agency in Late Antiquity
and the Early Middle Ages*

Paolo Tedesco (Tübingen):
*Why did Tributary States differ? Taxation and
Economy in the Late Roman and Post-Roman
Mediterranean*

Elena Caliri (Messina):
*Non totus messem generat ager: the Diversification
of Production and the Late Antique Agricultural
System*

FRIDAY, 26TH MAY

Panel 2: Economy, Elites and Peasants: Early Islam 9.30–10.40 am

Jesús Lorenzo Jimenez (Vitoria Gasteiz):
*Andalusi Settlements at the End of the 9th Century
through the Written Record*

Antonia Bosanquet (Hamburg):
*„Who did the Work?“ Agricultural Labour in Early
Islamic Ifrīqiya*

Panel 3: Human-environment Interactions and Environmental Change 10.55 am –12.40 pm

Sarah Defant (Berlin):
*Investigating Changes in Human Diet, Nutrition,
Health and Migration Patterns in the Greater Alpine
Area during the Transition Period from Late Antiquity
to the Early Middle Ages*

**Anna Maria Mercuri & Assunta Florenzano
(Modena and Reggio Emilia):**
*Archaeobotany for the Reconstruction of Italian
Agrarian Landscapes from Late Roman to Early
Medieval Ages*

**Leonor Peña Chocarro (Madrid) & Guillem Pérez-
Jordà (València):**
*Plant Diversity in Late Antiquity and Early Islamic
Iberia: Changes and Continuities*

Panel 4: Rural Settlement Patters: Archaeological Approaches: North Africa 3.00–4.10 pm

Philip von Rummel (Berlin):
*Reassessing the Rural-Urban-Divide in Northern Africa
Proconsularis: an Archaeological Perspective*

Anna Leone (Durham):
*Rūms, Arabs and Local Communities: Re-assessing
Landscapes and Production in Tripolitania*

Panel 5: Rural Settlement Patterns: Italy and Sicily 4.10–5.20 pm

Paul Arthur (Lecce):
*“Far from the Madding Crowd” – the Making of a
Byzantine Countryside*

Angelo Castrorao Barba (Warsaw):
*Changing settlement patterns in Western Sicily during
Late Antique, Byzantine and Islamic periods*

Panel 6: Rural Settlement Patterns: Iberian Peninsula 5.35–6.40 pm

Pilar Diarte Blasco (Madrid): *Rural Landscapes in
Visigothic Spain: Transcending the Concepts of
Continuity and Breakdown/Collapse*

Jesús Brufal Sucarrat (Barcelona):
*Arab and Berber Conquest and Its Impact on the Rural
Areas during the First Centuries of al-Andalus
(8th-10th Centuries)*