

► **Sunday, 10 December 2017**

I DAY OF ARRIVAL

► **Monday, 11 December 2017**

Venue: **Palazzo Chiaramonte “Lo Steri”, Sala delle Capriate**

09:00 – 09:30 **I WELCOME REMARKS**

Prof. Laura Auteri

Vice-Rector of the Università degli Studi di Palermo

Prof. Antonino Pellitteri

The Università degli Studi di Palermo

Prof. Dr. Nuha Alshaar

AGYA member, American University of Sharjah/IIS

09:30 – 11:15 **PANEL ONE: SICILY AND THE FATIMIDS OF NORTH-AFRICA**

Panel Chair: **Dr. Delia Cortese**

Middlesex University London

Prof. Antonino Pellitteri

Università degli Studi di Palermo

The Problem of Rethinking the History of Islamic Fatimid Sicily in the Mediterranean
(consecutive translation from Italian into English)

Prof. Mohammed Hassen

Université de Tunis

Les traditions socio-culturelles communes entre la Sicile et l'Ifrîqiya au Moyen Âge
(consecutive translation from French into English)

11:15 – 11:30 **I COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 – 12:40 **PANEL TWO: ARTISTIC TRADITIONS OF SICILY**

Panel Chair: **Dr. Beate Ulrike La Sala**

AGYA member/ Free University of Berlin

Dr. Delia Cortese

Middlesex University London

Fabrics in the Fabric of Society: Fatimid and Norman Threads in the Hands of Women

12:40 – 14:30

14:30 – 17:00

19:00 – 22:30

► **Tuesday, 12 December 2017**

Venue: **University of Palermo, Aula Magna**

09:30 – 11:30

Prof. William Tronzo

San Diego (US)/ University of California

The Artistic Culture of Sicily in the Medieval Period: Art and Artefacts

I LUNCH BREAK

PANEL THREE: SICILY AND THE PHILOSOPHICAL TRADITIONS

Panel Chair: **Dr. Nuha Alshaar**

AGYA member, American University of Sharjah/IIS

Prof. Giovanna Summerfield

Professor and Associate Dean College of Liberal Arts, Auburn University

Trinacria: Three Worlds in One Island (Muslims, Jews and Christians)

Prof. Massimo Campanini

University of Trento

Islamic Philosophy and Europe in the 13th Century: From Frederick II to Dante Through Averroes

Prof. Dr. Klaus van Eickels

University of Bamberg

“Frederick II - A Friend of the Muslims? Medieval Sources and Modern Interpretations”

I CONFERENCE DINNER

PANEL ONE: POETRY AND LITERATURE

Panel Chair: **Prof. Antonino Pellitteri**

University of Palermo

Dr. Nesma Mohamed Taher Mostafa Elsakaan

University of Palermo

The Qur'anic text and Sicilian Nature in Arabic Travelers' Accounts: Semantic and Intertextual Relations

11:30 – 11:45

11:45 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:30

14:30 – 15:40

15:40 – 16:00

Dr. Patrizia Spallino

The Philosophical Relations between Sicily and Arab Culture: Ibn al-Makki al-Siqilli's Lisan al-Tathqif

(consecutive translation from Italian into English)

Dr. Nuha Alshaar

AGYA member, American University of Sharjah/IIS

Arabic Poetry at the Norman Court:

The Case of Ibn Hamdis

I COFFEE BREAK

PANEL TWO: ARCHAEOLOGY AND COINS

Panel Chair: **Dr. Nesma Mohamed Taher**

Mostafa Elsakaan

University of Palermo

Prof. Ammar Abdulrahman

AGYA member, University of Tübingen

Archaeological Traces of Arab Culture in Sicily

Prof. Alaa-al-Din Alchomari

University of Tübingen

Traces of Trade Relations between Norman Sicily and the Islamic World Based on Monetary Discoveries

(consecutive translation into English)

I LUNCH BREAK

PANEL THREE: SICILY AND CURRENT ISSUES

Panel Chair: **Prof. Ammar Abdulrahman**

AGYA member, University of Tübingen

Prof. Francesca Maria Corrao

Università LUISS di Roma

Sicily, Multi-culturalism: Modern Contribution to the Dialogue

Prof. Dr. Oliver Korn

AGYA member, Offenburg University of Applied Sciences

The Antikythera Mechanism: Perspectives on an Age-old Mystery of Computer Science

I COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:00

PANEL DISCUSSION: SICILY PAST AND PRESENT

Prof. Antonino Pellitteri

Università degli Studi di Palermo

Prof. Massimo Campanini

University of Trento

Prof. Dr. Nuha Alshaar

AGYA member, American University of Sharjah/IIS

Mr. Pietro Marco Priore

MA in International Studies and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Mr. Farid Adly

Journalist for Radio Popolare and Il Corriere della Sera.

18:00 – 19:00

PUBLIC CONCERT

Milagro Acustico

Milagro Acustico are an ensemble of musicians based in Rome. They represent a mix of Sicilian and North African / Arab roots. Together, they aim at reviving the often-neglected tradition of Arab culture in Sicily through music.

Admission free

19:00 – 22:30

CONFERENCE DINNER

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

09:30

Excursion and Cultural Activities
(pick-up from hotel)

Thursday, 14 December 2017

DAY OF DEPARTURE

About the conference

Sicily's importance and its significance as a key Mediterranean crossroads have often been neglected. This three-day interdisciplinary AGYA conference in cooperation with the Università degli Studi di Palermo aims to explore the culture of dialogue and exchange between Europe and the Arab world by looking at the example of Sicily. Sicily has always been a meeting place where civilizations transformed one another and gave life to the cultural developments at the foundation of European modernity.

Conference Scientific Committee

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