

Rome conference

Early medieval monasteries in Western Europe. Individual approaches for a common methodological view

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Studies on Early medieval monasteries in Western Europe have increased in recent years thanks to the improvement of archaeological and textual approaches to this issue that made it possible to obtain innovative information on monastic churches and spaces, their uses and evolutions, and their political, economic and social meaning. However, the architectural structure of these complexes is still quite unknown, since archaeological excavations are usually limited in extension at these sites. Works undertaken at different regions have not either been compared and have been discussed mainly at local level. In addition general reflections have been frequently based on the written accounts as main information source, leaving aside the capacity of archaeology to go deeper into further aspects. Considering this brief state of the art, the aim of this seminar to bring together studies recently developed at different monasteries of Spain, Italy, France, England, Ireland and Central Europe that might help to reflect on the methodologies hitherto applied, on the current understanding of these complexes and on the strategies of knowledge for the future.

Thursday 29 September

9.00-9.10 Antonio PIZZO (Director EEHAR-CSIC), *Presentation.*

9.10-9.30 M.^a Ángeles UTRERO AGUDO (EEHAR-CSIC) & Francisco J. MORENO MARTÍN (UCM),
Welcome and Introduction.

Sesión 1. Monasteries in southern Europe

9.30-10.15 Marta SANCHO I PLANAS (UB) & Walter ALEGRÍA TEJEDOR (UB), *Archaeological characterisation of a Late Antique Hispanic monastic site: the case of Santa Cecilia dels Altimiris in the 6th-7th centuries (pre-Pyrenees of Lleida).*

10.15-10.30 Break.

10.30-11.15 Francisco José MORENO MARTÍN (UCM) & M.^a Ángeles UTRERO AGUDO (EEHAR-CSIC), *Past and present archaeology at the monastery of Melque: certainties, questions and challenges.*

11.15-12.00 Pablo PAPOTTO (Pontificio Istituto di Archeologia Cristiana), *Topografía de los monasterios femeninos de Roma entre la tardoantigüedad y el alto medioevo.*

12.00-12.45 Discussion.

12.45 Break.

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Sesión 2. Monasteries in central Europe

- 14.15-15.00** Sébastien BULLY (CNRS), *From the Fathers of the Jura to the origins of Cluny (Vth-beginning of the XIth century): the data of archaeology.*
- 15.00-15.45** Astrid STEINEGGER (Federal Office for the Protection of Monuments), *Early monasteries in eastern Austria – what we know and think to know.*
- 15.45-16.30** Giovanna BIANCHI, Andrea ARRIGHETTI, Gaia De Marchi (UNISI), *The monastery of S. Antimo in Val di Starcia (Siena): early medieval architectural sequences.*
- 16.30-17.00** Discussion.
- 17.00-19.00** Lucrezia SPERA (Univ. Roma 2), *Visit to the excavations at S. Paolo fuori le mura.*
- 19.00** Closing.

Friday 30 September

Sesión 3. Monasteries at the Islands

- 9.00-9.45** Gabor THOMAS (Univ. of Reading), *Hiding in Plain Sight? The Pitfalls and Prospects of an Archaeology of Anglo-Saxon Monasticism.*
- 9.45-10.30** Patrick GLEESON (Queen's University Belfast), *Kings and Monks in a major Irish royal landscape: the monasteries and monastic networks of Caisel na Rí.*
- 10.30-10.45** Break.
- 10.45-11.30** Sébastien BULLY (CNRS) & Morana ČAUŠEVIĆ-BULLY (Université de Franche-Comté/UMR Chrono-environnement), *The ecclesiastical complex of Martinšćica (Island of Cres, Croatia): a monastery without history?*
- 11.30-12.15** Mateu RIERA (UAB-FHEAG-ICAC), *Basílicas y otras edificaciones monásticas de los siglos V a VIII d. C. en las Islas Baleares.*
- 12.15-13.00** Discussion.
- 13.00-13.15** M.^a Ángeles UTRERO AGUDO (EEHAR-CSIC), *Concluding Remarks.*
- 13.15** Closing.

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