

The evolution of rural and urban settlement in Sicily from Prehistory to Late Antiquity

5 June – 6 June 2015

A 2-day workshop hosted by the School of History, Classics and Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh

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Recent work on Sicily has revitalised the study of Sicilian urbanism from prehistory down to late antiquity. This work has ignited debate about the development of urbanism in Sicily and its relationship to rural settlement across history and between cultures. It has become clear that complex questions remain about how we combine analyses of urban centres with their rural hinterlands, and how the development of these two areas is interconnected. The combination of data and analyses from diverse geographical areas and chronological periods remains central to our understanding of historical change in Sicily from prehistory to the late Roman period.

This workshop will bring together scholars working on the development of urban and rural settlement in Sicily from prehistory to late antiquity. This workshop includes experienced and early career researchers, who will present work-in-progress on this topic, and the workshop provides a unique opportunity for scholars from several major projects based in the USA, Italy, Germany, the UK, and the Netherlands to exchange ideas and information directly with one another. There will be twelve papers in six sessions spread across one and half days. Each speaker is allocated 50 minutes for paper delivery and ensuing discussion.

Programme

Each paper is followed by 20 minutes of discussion.

June 5th

14:30 – 15:00 – Welcome reception and coffee

15:00 – 15:30 – Johannes Bergemann (Goettingen) – *Monti Sicani. A non-Greek area in central western Sicily*

15:50 – 16:20 – Robert Leighton (Edinburgh) – *Site surveys and funerary landscapes of Sicilian prehistory*

16:40 – 17:00 - Break

17:00 – 17:30 – Luuk de Ligt (Leiden) – *Cities from texts and architecture in Roman Sicily*

17:50 – 18:40 – John Bintliff (Leiden and Edinburgh) – *Rural and urban survey in Roman Sicily*
18:40 – wine reception

Evening – Dinner

June 6th

9:00 – 9:30 – Oscar Belvedere (Palermo) – *Sacred landscapes of Himera's hinterland in archaic and classical times*

9:50 – 10:20 – Aurelio Burgio (Palermo) – *The dynamics of rural population in the hinterland of Cignana (south-central Sicily) from Prehistory to Late Antiquity*

10:40 – 11:00 – Break

11:00 – 11:30 – Daniele Malfitana (Catania); Giuseppe Cacciaguerra (IBAM, Catania); Carmela Franco (Oxford) – *Roman Sicily project: perspectives and views on material culture from production site to rural settlement*

11:50 – 12:20 – Jonathan Prag (Oxford) – *I.Sicily: a new resource for utilising the epigraphic sources for ancient Sicily*

12:40 – 13:40 – Lunch

13:40 – 14:10 – Peter Morton (Edinburgh) – *The evolution of social order in Hellenistic Sicily*

14:30 – 15:00 – Emanuele Vaccaro (Cambridge) – TBD

15:20 – 15:40 – Break

15:40 – 16:10 – Laura Pfuntner (UC Davis) – *Strabo's Sicily*

16:30 – 17:00 – Keith Rutter (Edinburgh) – *Coins and History - the case of Sicily*

17:20 – 17:30 – Closing remarks

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