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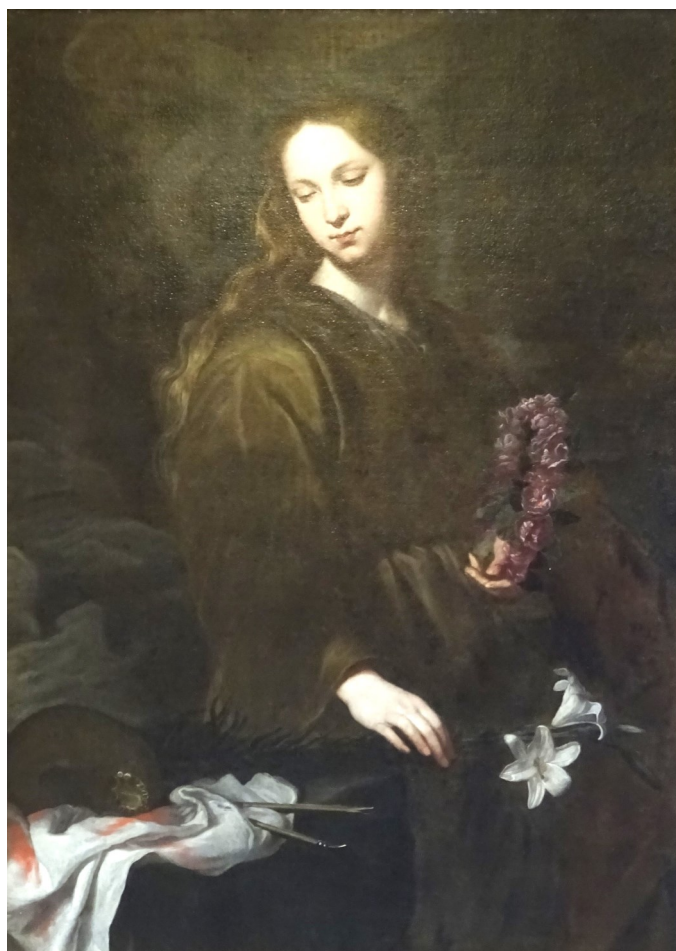
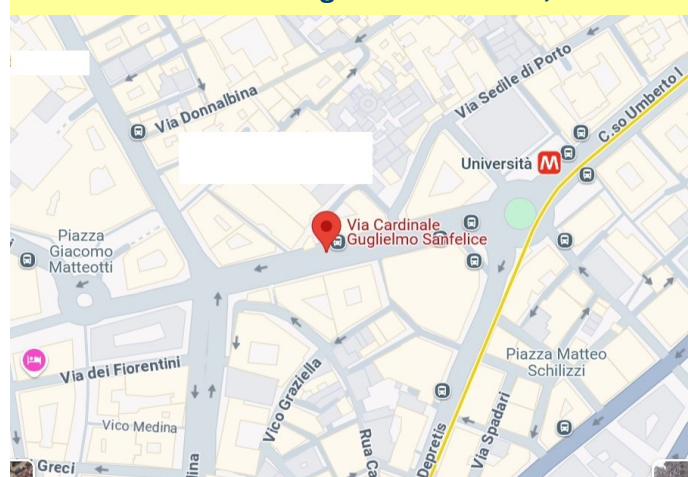
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Saint Rosalia with the symbols of the defeated plague.
Hieronymus Gerard, first quarter of the 17th century.
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June 3, Tuesday

09:00 – 10:15

Welcome and opening to the Conference: Salvatore Capasso (DSU Director), Paola Avallone (ISEM Director)
Monica Green - Introduction to the conference (and the concept of One Health)

10:15 – 11:00

Session 1

Epidemics and Contagion: Conceptualizing and Understanding

Chair: Monica Green

1. Salvatore Speciale (Università di Messina, DiCAM)
Men and Epidemics between the Mediterranean Shores: from the “Contagion” of Bodies to the “Contagion” of Ideas (XVIII-XIX c.)
2. Vitus Angermeier (Austrian Academy of Sciences)
Impaired Environments and Contagious Dharma: Understanding Epidemics in Premodern South Asia
3. Selamawit Mecca (Addis Abäba University)
Conceptualizing Epidemics in Ethiopic Hagiographies: With Special Reference to the Acts of Abba Aron and Acts of Zena Maryam

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 2

Towards One Health

Chair: Isabelle Séguy

4. Corinne Nicolas-Cabane (CNRS)
Contagions, pathogènes et grandes épidémies historiques (peste, choléra, variole, grippe)
5. Kathleen Walker-Meikle (University of Basel, Department of Environmental Sciences)
“Autres mauvaises bestes”: Finding Animals in Epidemics
6. Antonello Bellomo (Università degli Studi di Foggia)
An Analysis of the Behaviors and Emotional Reactions of Populations during the Great Epidemics of History
7. Samuel Sanchez (Nantes Université)
Le projet de régulation sanitaire de la navigation maritime en Méditerranée comme réaction aux épidémies cholériques en Europe au XIXe siècle

12:30 – 13:00 Discussion about morning sessions

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30

Session 3

Epidemics and Contagion: Emotions and Reactions - I

Chair: Isabella Cecchini

8. Athena Bazou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
Rational and Irrational Reactions towards Epidemics in the Greco-Roman World
9. Maria Mercedes López Pérez (University of Murcia)
Explorando las actitudes, emociones y sentimientos durante la pandemia antonina
10. Idamaria Fusco (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Storia dell'Europa Mediterranea)
The Fear of Contagion, the Contagion of Fear. Individual Emotions, Collective Emotions and Reactions in Modern-age Epidemics
11. Massimo Galtarossa (Università di Padova)
Emozioni in tempo di peste: dalla malinconia alla contentezza d'animo (Padova, 1631)

15:30 – 16:00 Discussion

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16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30

Session 4

Epidemics: Death and Fear

Chair: Geltrude Macrì

12. Albert Reixach Sala, Alberto Barber Blasco (University of Lleida)
Life and Death During Epidemics in the Northwestern Mediterranean (Mid-14th to Early 16th Century): Bills of Mortality, Obituary Records and Will Series from Catalonia and Majorca
13. Angela Carbone (Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro)
Dalla paura del contagio alla cura dell'anima: disposizioni testamentarie e matrimoni di coscienza nel Regno di Napoli tra XVII e XIX secolo
14. Tânia Ferreira (University of Minho)
'But the sick people should not be scared, because to be scared is to already have half a cholera'. Reactions to the Cholera Epidemic in Portugal: Denial, Fear and Scapegoating. The Case of the City of Oporto (1854-1855)
15. Gabriele Mazzucchelli (Università Cattolica di Milano)
Cholera in Austrian Veneto: Reactions, Fear and Acts of Compassion

17:30 – 18:00 Discussion

June 4, Wednesday

09:00 – 10:30

Session 5

Epidemics and Contagion: Alternative Sources and Sensory Perspective

Chair: Monica Green

16. Marie Louise Herzfeld-Schild (University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna)
Managing Fear – Mitigating Contagion: Music's Power in Times of Plague
17. Jasmin W. Cyril (University of Columbia, Benedict College)
Memoria et sanus: The Emergence and Dependence on the Iconography of Plague Gonfalon in Umbria
18. Daniel Grey (University of Hertfordshire)
'I considered from the symptoms...it was an attack of cholera': Ambiguous Signs, Epidemic Disease and Unlawful Death in Early Nineteenth Century
19. Marina Sanchez, José Francisco Fonseca, Letícia Nogueira, Lucas Sant'Anna (University of São Paulo)
Description of Epidemic Outbreaks in the Medieval Mediterranean

10:30 – 11:00 Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 6

Contagions: Fear and Devotion

Chair: Idamaria Fusco

20. Giulia Zanon (Università di Ca' Foscari, Venezia)
Faith, Fear, and Resilience: San Francesco di Paola and the Role of Saints in Contagion Responses in Early Modern Republic of Venice
21. Luca Ceriotti (Università Cattolica, Milano)
La peste in monastero: credenze, emozioni, strategie
22. Domenico Uccellini (Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro)
Preghiere, credenze, ordini: la paura del "male contagioso" nella Puglia del Settecento
23. Stefano Tomassetti (Università di Bologna)
Prudenza e carità. I padri filippini nella Roma appestata (1656-1657)

12:30 – 13:00 Discussion

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13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30

Session 7

Epidemics and Contagion: Emotions and Reactions - II

Chair: Isabella Cecchini

24. Kristy Wilson Bowers (University of Missouri)
Reacting to Contagion: Distinguishing Ordinary from Dangerous Pestilence in Early Modern Spain
25. Renato Sansa (Università della Calabria)
Emozioni e reputazione. La peste attraverso la corrispondenza dei residenti da Roma
26. Marco Emanuele Omes (Università di Torino, Dipartimento di Studi Storici)
Joyful Contagion. Italian Vaccinators' Emotional Ecologies, 1798-1861
27. Igor Serdiuk (Kyiv School of Economics [Ukraine], Centre for Advanced Study in Sofia)
Between the Imperial and the Local, the Modern and the Traditional. Smallpox, Coexistence and the Fight against it in Ukraine in the 18th-19th Centuries

15:30 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30

Session 8

Contagions and Environment

Chair: Angela Carbone

28. Philip Slavin (University of Stirling, The Israel Institute for Advanced Studies)
So, Where Did They All Come From? Natural Origins of Plague Waves in West Eurasia, c.1350-1520
29. Matteo Di Tullio, Martino Lorenzo Fagnani (Università degli Studi di Pavia)
Water Stagnation, Putrefaction, and Miasmas: Engineering Tools and other Solutions in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century
30. Tommaso Somigli Russotto, Federico Scribante (Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca)
Caring for the Community: Epidemics and Commons in Modern Rural Tuscany
31. Zienab Elbakri (Independent Scholar)
Cairo's Cleanliness. Between the Ambitious Reconstruction and Epidemic Risk in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century

17:30 – 18:00 Discussion

June 5, Thursday

09:00 – 10:30

Session 9

Paths of Contagion – Contagion at Borders

Chair: Isabelle Devos

32. Marina Inì (University of Cambridge/Università La Sapienza, Rome)
Contagion, Cross-cultural Contacts and the Construction of the Ottoman Other in Early Modern Mediterranean Quarantine Centres
33. Thiago Enes (Universidade Federal Fluminense [FAPERJ] - Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
The Iberian Borders and the Plague that Raged in Andalusia in the Early 19th Century (1800-1804)
34. Vincenzo Pintaudo (Università degli Studi di Messina)
Trade in the Time of Cholera: Health Legislation and Obstacles to English Trade during the Cholera Pandemic of 1836 in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies
35. Silvia Mantini, Stefano Boero (Università dell'Aquila)
Paura di peste e prosecuzione di vita: un'indagine sulle emozioni nei testamenti aquilani (1656-1657)

10:30 – 11:00 Discussion

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11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 10

Witnessing and the Construction of the Other in Epidemics

Chair: Geltrude Macrì

36. Caterina Manco (Università di Bologna)
Epidemie e piante: lo sguardo di Ulisse Aldrovandi
37. Paolo Gerbaldo (Università di Torino)
Epidemie e quarantene. Giuseppe Filippo Baruffi e i disagi per i viaggiatori del XIX secolo.
38. Giorgio Toso (Università di Genova)
The Plague in Tangier in the Testimonies of Jacob Graberg di Hemso (1816-1822)
39. Mohamed Mouskite (University Cadi Ayyad, UCA, Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, FLSH, Marrakech)
Epidemics, Colonialism, and the Notion of Foreigner in Morocco during 18 and 19 Centuries

12:30 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Session 11

Epidemics: Politics of Reactions – I

Chair: Raffaella Salvemini

40. Federica Fiorini (Università Telematica eCampus)
"Degli ordini per fuggire la peste". Misure preventive e di contrasto alla peste nella Toscana di prima epoca moderna
41. Giovanni Sini (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Storia dell'Europa Mediterranea)
Actions and Reactions to Epidemic Contagion through Parliamentary Sources in Early 15th Century Sardinia
42. Rocco Boero (Aix-en-Provence/Marseille université TELEMMe, cnrs/amu), Università degli studi di Genova)
La contribution de Gaetano Palloni au débat scientifique sur la contagiosité de la fièvre jaune à partir de l'épidémie de Livourne de 1804
43. Alessio Maria Musella (Università Federico II, Napoli)
Changing the Management of Epidemics: Evidence from the Crispi-Pagliani Health Reform in post-Unification Italy

15:30 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30

Session 12

Epidemics: Politics of Reactions – II

Chair: Isabelle Seguy

44. Isabelle Devos (Ghent University), Hilde Greefs (University of Antwerp)
The 1866 Cholera Epidemic in the Cities of Antwerp and Brussels (Belgium): A Comparative Analysis
45. Giorgio Ennas (University of Utrecht)
Who is Afraid to Cooperate? The Sanitary Council of Tunis between Fear and Cooperation
46. Andre Oliveira Da Silva (CIDEHUS - Universidade de Évora)
The Plague by the Pen and in the Action of a King: Duarte of Portugal (r. 1433-1438)
47. Domenico Maione (Università degli Studi di San Marino)
Diagnosticare il morbo, gestire l'epidemia: la febbre gialla di Livorno del 1804

17:30 – 18:00 Discussion

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June 6, Friday

9:00 – 10:30

Session 13

Living in a Time of Contagion – I

Chair: Paola Avallone

48. Dominique Castex (PACEA UMR5199, CNRS, Université de Bordeaux [Pessac]), Alexis Wilkin (Université Libre de Bruxelles), Pere Benito I Monclús (Universitat de Lleida), Marcelo Cândido da Silva (Universidade de São Paulo), Sacha Kacki (PACEA UMR5199, CNRS, Université de Bordeaux [Pessac]/Durham University)
Réponses sociales et culturelles aux contagions et décès en temps de crises de mortalité: une approche syndémique
49. Joana Balsa de Pinho (University of Lisbon, Artis - Institute of Art History, School of Arts and Humanities), Edite Martins Alberto (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas)
Living in a Time of Plague: Social and Political Reactions in 16th-century Lisbon
50. María Amparo López Arandia (Universidad de Extremadura, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras)
Local Elites and the Pestilence in the Hispanic Monarchy during the Early Modern Age. A Conflicting Relationship in Jaén in 1602
51. Katerina Konstantinidou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
La supremazia veneziana e la "ignoranza" dei sudditi: attitudini, atteggiamenti e politica durante le epidemie di peste nelle isole ionie (17mo-18mo sec.)

10:30 – 11:00 Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 14

Living in a Time of Contagion – II

Chair: Idamaria Fusco

52. Paolo Calcagno (Università di Genova), Francesca Ferrando (Università di Verona)
Paura del contagio, rifiuto della cura, fuga dalle regole. Testimonianze genovesi sulla peste (1656-1720)
53. Serena Sonaglioni (Università degli Studi di Firenze)
Povertà pericolosa: un nemico visibile. Il problema dei gittatelli nel Granducato nella peste del 1629-1632
54. Emanuele Pagano (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano)
Dalla peste al tifo: contagio, misure, reazioni (1631, 1817)
55. Bianca Lopez (Southern Methodist University)
The Grieving Mother of God: Plague, Emotions, and Marian Devotion in Late-Medieval Recanati

12:30 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 13:30

CONCLUSIONS

Concluding Remarks by Isabelle Séguy