



Notariorum Itinera

Centro Studi Interateneo

Justice, Institutions and Notaries in a European Perspective (12th-17th Centuries)

in memory of Dino Puncuh

The inter-university centre **Notariorum Itinera** is organising an international interdisciplinary conference to be held in **Genoa** between **21st and 24th April 2020**. The conference will focus on notaries and justice in the Late Middle Ages and is mainly (but not exclusively) addressed to medievalists, diplomatists, legal historians, archivists, language historians and art historians, in order to foster synergy among different approaches.

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The conference will be organised in **4 thematic sessions**:

(1) **Notaries and Legal Institutions**

Themes and aspects that may be covered include: Documentary procedures (types, management and conservation); How notaries gained access to the institutions; The notaries' role through comparisons (lay and ecclesiastical institutions, etc.); The evolution of the concept of *publicum officium*; Arbitrations and other counter-procedural activities of the notaries.

(2) **Socio-professional Interactions between Notaries and Judges**

Themes and aspects that may be covered include: Circumstances (in mainly private contexts) in which judges and notaries commonly interacted; Social dynamics and networks arising from the interaction between notaries and judges; Work flow, types of contracts and geographical mobility; Interaction between notaries and judges, and social mobility.

(3) **The Languages of Justice**

Themes and aspects that may be covered include: Technical-judicial-formulaic phraseology used by notaries and judges; Expressive language of those who were brought to trial and the *testes*; Language of the sounds, gestures and emotions associated with the different phases of judicial procedure; Figurative language linked to the representations of justice.

(4) **The *loci* of Justice and the Presence/Activities of the Notaries**

Themes and aspects which may be covered include: Judicial districts; Territorial boundaries within which notaries acted in reference to public judicial venues; Activities related to justice in the more general urban context (i.e. places which were not public judicial venues).

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Papers are welcome in the following **languages**: italiano, English, français, Deutsch, español.

Prospective **contributors** must send an abstract (min. 200 words) in one of the languages of the conference, together with a brief academical biography (max. 200 words).

Paper **proposal** deadline: **31st August**. Submitters will be notified on the decision by **30th September 2019**.

Organising **secretary**: Denise Bezzina, Marta Calleri, Valentina Ruzzin