

STONES, BEADS, AND POWDERS

The Mineral World in the Premodern Scientific Discourse

Bologna, 11-12 December 2024

December 11 (*Il Covo*, Via San Donato 19/d)

SESSION 1 (Chair: Beatrice Bottomley)

10:15 *Greetings and Introduction*

11:00 Lucia RAGGETTI (UniBo), *The Arabic Ps. Aristotle 'On Stones', Direct & Indirect Tradition*

11:30 Alessandra SCIMONE (UniBo), *Ps. Aristotle Gets to Mediaeval Europe*

11:45 Iolanda VENTURA (UniBo), *Avicenna's De congelatione et conglutinatione lapidum in Bartholomew the Englishman's De proprietatibus rerum, Book XVI*

12:15 – 12:30 *Coffee Break*

12:30 – 13:15 **General Discussion**

SESSION 2 (Chair: Marianna Marchini)

Replication Session: *The Case of Lapis Lazuli*

15:00 Gabriele FERRARIO (UniBo), *Lapis Lazuli in a Longue Durée Perspective*

15:15 Amine XHAKONI (UniBo), *The Jeweller's Shop: Testing and Imitating Lapis Lazuli in Mediaeval Arabic Sources*

15:30 – 16:30 **Laboratory experience**

16:30 – 16:45 *Coffee Break*

16:45 – 17:45 **Hands-On Session: *Tests, Pigments & Inks*** (Instagram Livestreaming)

December 12 (*Aula Mondolfo*, Via Zamboni 38)

SESSION 3 (Chair: Sara Fani)

10:00 – 10:30 Shiyanthi THAVAPALAN (FU Amsterdam), *Vitreous Materials in Mesopotamia and the Theory of Disruptive Innovation*

10:30 – 11:00 Cale JOHNSON (FU Berlin), *Medicinal Earths: Challenging Naturalist Ontologies in the Babylonian Medical Corpus*

11:00 – 11:30 Matteo MARTELLI (UniBo), *Stone Imagery in Byzantine Manuscripts*

11:30 – 12:00 *Merenda*

12:00 – 13:30 **General Discussion & Round Table**



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