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Autumn Meetings in Bologna



‘Magical’ Objects How to do Things with Materiality

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October 5th 2026

9:30-10:00 Greetings and opening remarks by **Francesca Sbardella** and **Giuseppina P. Viscardi**

10:00-11:00 **Raquel Martin Hernandez**, Complutense University of Madrid | Lectio Magistralis: *Immagini che agiscono: Historiolae e performatività magica*

Discussion - break

Discussants:

11:30-12:00 **Giuseppina P. Viscardi**, University of Bologna | *Voces magicae: il mito che cura, la parola che lega. L'historiola come dispositivo cognitivo e performativo tra papiri egizi e katadesmoi greci*

12:00-12:30 **Marinella Ceravolo**, La Sapienza University of Rome | *L'historiola oltre l'atto linguistico: la performatività della narrazione mitica nell'antica Mesopotamia*

Discussion - lunch break

15:00-16:00 **Sonja Hukantaival**, University of Turku | Lectio Magistralis: *Everyday Tools, Scrap, and Frogs in Miniature Coffins: An Archaeological View on Finnish Folk Magic*

Discussion - break

Discussants:

16:30-17:00 **Enrico Cirelli**, University of Bologna | *Doing Magic with Things: Materiality and Magical-Ritual Practices in Medieval Settlements*

17:00-17:30 **Joseph E. Sanzo**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice | *The Multifunctionality of Objects, Sites, and Gestures: A View from the so-called Magical and Literary Records*

Discussion



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10:00-11:00 **Joseph E. Sanzo**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice |

Lectio Magistralis: *Tradition, Materiality, and Historiola in Late Antique Magic*

Discussion - break

Discussants:

11:30-12:00 **Emiliano Urciuoli**, University of Bologna | *"I Hope It Will Get Into the Ritual": Routinization, Control, and Shifting Taxonomies*

12:00-12:30 **Sonja Hukantaival**, University of Turku | *When Jesus was Startled by a Hazel Grouse: The Case of the "Sprain String" in Finnish Folk Magic*

Discussion - lunch break

15:00-16:00 **Fabio Dei**, University of Pisa |

Lectio Magistralis: *Feticci, amuleti, talismani, reliquie, idoli e altri oggetti magici: oltre l'approccio ontologico*

Discussion - break

Discussants:

16:30-17:00 **Raquel Martin Hernandez**, Complutense University of Madrid | *Di fronte al rischio del parto: amuleti ginecologici nell'Egitto romano e tardoantico*

17:00-17:30 **Marta Scialdone**, University of Pisa | *Tra sacro e quotidiano: oggetti, riti e materialità nella religione Bahá'í*

Discussion

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