



MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE: THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY. MODELS, TECHNIQUES AND MATERIALS

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The purpose of the conference is to explore the developments of European architecture during the fourteenth century, with a specific focus on regional and cultural contexts, circulation of models, construction techniques, the role of architects masons, and patrons.

The fourteenth century is a period full of tensions, innovations and contradictions, in which construction systems - developed in great urban building sites – were established and innovative solutions deployed, and architects and masons circulate across Europe. In this dynamic context, architecture represents a term of comparison of primary importance within the framework of economic and social relations, able to express symbolic values and aspirations of patrons.

The aim of the international conference is to provide a platform to discuss methodological frameworks and to assess the current state of the field in relation to fourteenth-century architecture, open to international contexts, the exchange of knowledge, and to promote contact between researchers at all levels in different fields and disciplines.

The conference will be organized in four thematic sections:

- I. Churches and religious orders
- II. Palaces and civic architecture
- III. Castles and fortified structures
- IV. Materials, techniques, workshops



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We invite proposals that consider research methodologies and open new perspectives on fourteenth-century architecture, fostering interdisciplinary investigations. We will consider with particular interest proposals addressing the following methodological issues:

- design methods, local traditions, transfers, trades and transformations of architectural models;
- materials and construction technologies, structural and architectural experimentation;
- architects, masons, building sites and corporations, dynamics of patronage;
- arrangement of space and settlements, liturgy, scenography, representation of architecture;
- social dynamics, symbolism of power, social and geographical identities;
- connections between figurative arts, decorative ornaments, topography of images;
- environmental relations, landscape contexts, territorial networks.

The conference will include a combination of invited scholars and a paper selected through this call. Scholars interested in participating should send their proposals, for a twenty-minute paper, to the Scientific Committee (an abstract of ca. 1,500 characters and a brief CV ca 1,000 in a unique file pdf), specifying the thematic section to which it belongs, by completing the form available on the website [http://www.dist.polito.it/news/\(idnews\)/12845](http://www.dist.polito.it/news/(idnews)/12845)
Deadline: 30 June 2019.

If the proposal is accepted, the author will be notified by 31 July 2019. The selected authors should confirm their participation, by email address: architetturamedievale@polito.it no later than 15 September 2019.



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The organization of the conference will offer lunches and coffee breaks to all participants, but will not be able to support the costs of accommodation and travel.

We aim to publish selected articles in an edited volume, after a double-blind peer review process. The deadline for the submission of contributions for publication is 31 March 2020, and the publication of the volume is expected by the end of the year.

The **official languages** of the Conference will be Italian, English and French.

KEY DATES:

Deadline for the submission of the proposals: **30 June 2019**

Proposal approval communication: **31 July 2019**

Deadline for registration: **15 September 2019**

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