

## Viva la differenza? Italian towns in the early middle ages

### *Conference Programme*

#### **Friday 29 May**

5.00 pm Help and registration desk available for collection of folders outside Meadows Lecture Theatre

5.15 pm **Meadows Lecture Theatre**  
Welcome from Head of School, Professor Ian Ralston

**Plenary Lecture** Chair: Dr Lucy Grig (Classics, Edinburgh)

Professor Bryan Ward-Perkins (Trinity College, Oxford)  
'Was there (and is there) rivalry between the cities of early medieval Europe?'

6.45 – 7.45pm **Reception (Sponsored by Brill Publishers, Leiden)**  
Jim McMillan Room, First Floor

#### **Saturday 30 May**

9.00 am Desk open for registration and collection of folders outside Meadows Lecture Theatre

9.30 am **Meadows Lecture Theatre**  
Welcome from Dr Anna Groundwater, Director of Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

9.35 – 11.00am **Session 1: Chair Professor Michael Angold (History, Edinburgh)**

Dr Vivien Prigent (CNRS, Paris)  
'Byzantine Sicily and the Indian summer of the Late Antique City'

Dr Trish Skinner (University of Winchester)  
'What was wrong with southern Italian bishops in the sixth century?'

11.00 – 11.30 am **Tea/coffee Jim McMillan Room**

11.30am – 1.00pm	<p><b>Meadows Lecture Theatre</b></p> <p><b>Session 2</b> Chair Professor Jim Crow (Archaeology, Edinburgh)</p> <p>Dr Enrico Cirelli (Bologna) ‘Ravenna and the Adriatic between the eighth and tenth centuries’</p> <p>Dr Ross Balzaretto (Nottingham) ‘Urban life in Lombard Italy: Genoa and Milan compared’</p>
1-00 - 2-00pm	<b>Buffet lunch Jim McMillan Room</b>
2-00 - 3-30 pm	<p><b>Meadows Lecture Theatre</b></p> <p><b>Session 3</b> Chair Dr Roger Collins (History, Edinburgh)</p> <p>Professor Edward James (University College, Dublin) ‘<i>Gesta episcoporum</i> as sources for urban history: Agnellus and his colleagues’</p> <p>Dr Simon Loseby (Sheffield) ‘<i>Città ad isole</i> in Gaul: possibilities and problems’</p>
3-30 - 4-00 pm	<b>Tea/coffee Jim McMillan Room</b>
4-00 - 5-30 pm	<p><b>Meadows Lecture Theatre</b></p> <p><b>Session 4</b> Chair: Dr Gianluca Raccagni (History, Edinburgh)</p> <p>Dr Roger Collins (History, Edinburgh) ‘Córdoba, 929-1031: the Rise and Fall of an Islamic Mega-city’</p> <p>Dr Eddie Coleman (University College, Dublin) ‘Liutprand of Cremona’s travel guide to the Mediterranean city’</p>
5-30 pm	<b>Conference Summary:</b> Dr Tom Brown (History, Edinburgh)
6-00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks:</b> Professor Michael Angold
6.15 pm	<b>Reception Jim McMillan Room</b>