

# The archaeology of sharing practices



Starting from the perspective of the historical study of environmental resources, as developed by the Laboratory of Environmental Archaeology and History since the 1990's, during the last 5 years the ANTIGONE project is searching for the relational dimension of practices to manage environmental resources and for the unsuspected social effects of changes in those practices. Our focus is on the practices related to the management of shared environmental resources (mainly, but not exclusively, water, common pastures and woodlands) that we defined as "sharing practices". We reflected through changes and discontinuities. Through case studies, we realised the importance of explaining continuity, which can be defined as a relationship between different generations taking place through time and in relation to a land or a space.

This workshop aims to reflect on the possibilities and the tools needed to understand this kind of relational persistence. Through four sessions and a final roundtable, the workshop aims to compare different analytical procedures in order to assess the extent to which our research questions incorporate the tools and conceptual frameworks necessary to also identify and interpret continuity.

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*Placing landscapes and  
their access rights in a  
changing mountain  
Europe*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Antigone Workshop

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

Genova, via Balbi 5  
Aula Cabella

Detailed programme  
Link Teams: [urly.it/319y-g](https://urly.it/319y-g)





# Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of June

(8.30 am - 5.30 pm)

Fieldwork to Castagnello and Perlezzi, in the Sturla valley. The visit will focus on the irrigated terraces, observed in relation to the transformations of the broader local historical environmental resource management systems.

# Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

9.00 am – Registration

Welcome greetings by **Micaela Rossi**, Dean of the Humanities faculty

Introductory talk by **Anna Maria Stagno** (Università di Genova)

10.30 am - Coffee break

## Session 1 - Beyond irrigation: the social dimension of water between access rights and environmental resources management practices

Discussants and chairs: **Diego Moreno** & **Sebastiano Salvidio** (Università di Genova)

**José Abellán Santisteban** (Università di Genova), *Archaeological analysis of high-altitude irrigation systems: Landscape dynamics in Postmedieval Sierra Nevada*

**Andrea Costa** (Università di Genova) *Man-made water sites for amphibian conservation in mediterranean landscapes*

**Elena Correa Jiménez** (MEMOLab Universidad de Granada) *Traditional irrigation systems: multifunctional resources for research, social intervention and territorial development*

**Nick Branch** (University of Reading) *Water Security and Cultural Heritage in the Peruvian Andes*

12.30 pm - Buffet lunch



## Session 2 - Between collective and private: kinship, household and environmental resources in a multidisciplinary and diachronic perspective

Discussants and chairs: **Giulia Beltrametti** (Università di Torino) & **Simon Teuscher** (Universitat of Zurich)

**Matteo Tacca** (Università di Genova), *Kinship and common environmental resources: a “generative” hypothesis (Aveo Valley, XIX-XX centuries)*

**Catarina Tente** (Universidade Nova Lisboa), *Collective peaks and private valleys: rural practices in the Caramulo Mountain, an ethnoarchaeological perspective*

**Claudio Lorenzini** (Università di Torino), *The families of the forest: Management of collective resources and kinship: the case of timber merchants in the eastern Alpine area (16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries)*

3.45 pm - Coffee break

## Session 3 - Exploring past agricultural specialisation: Relationship between land use changes, technical innovations and the reconfiguration of ownership (18<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> c.)

Discussants and chairs: **Rebekka Dossche** & **Alessandro Favatá** (Università di Genova)

**Nathan Brenu** (Università di Genova), *The Development of Cattle Farming in Cerdagne and Its Socio-Environmental Implications (19<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> Century)*

**Giulia Furlanetto** & **Cesare Ravazzi** (CNR-IGAG, Milano; NBFC, Palermo), *Multiproxy co-registered records of human impact and climate change in the last millennia (micro-macrobotany, ecology and geochemistry)*

**Jean-Baptiste Vérot** (Centre Lucien Febvre, Université de Franche-Comté), *The Myth of the Golden Tree: Sericultural Specialization and the Reconfiguration of Power in the Village (Southeastern France, 18<sup>th</sup> Century)*

**6.00 pm** - Buffet dinner at Palazzo Balbi-Senarega (Via Balbi 4) with visit to the historic buildings of the Humanities faculty

**8.15 pm** – Visit of the historic centre of Genova



# Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> of June

(9.00 am - 2.30 pm)

## Session 4 The social construction of spaces and resources: practices between continuities, reuses and abandonment

Discussants and chairs: **Roberto Maggi**, **Massimo D. Novellino**, & **Lucia Vanacore** (Università di Genova)

**Chiara Molinari** & **Sabina Ghislandi** (Università di Genova), *Integrating archaeobotany and geoarchaeology to trace the social construction of spaces and resources through time.*

**Oliver Nelle** (Baden-Württemberg State Office for Cultural Heritage), *Charcoal production sites as archives not only for past woodland usage and species composition: the European context, some examples and many questions*

**Nicki Whitehouse** (University of Glasgow), *Where Land and Waters Meet? 10,000 years of human eco-dynamics within a ‘Wildscape’*

10.30 am - Coffee break

**Marialucia Amadio** (Università di Siena, DFCLAM), *“Discontinuous Continuities”: Spatial Transformations and the Dynamics of Abandonment in Middle Bronze Age Erimi, Cyprus*

**Alessandro Panetta** (CNR, ISEM, Cagliari), *Abandoned places, does anybody know what we are looking for? Reframing Abandonment in Postclassical Italian Landscapes*

**Rowena Banerjea** (University of Reading), *Rethinking abandonment: the agency behind processes revealed in soils and sediments through micromorphology*

## Final round table

**1.30 pm** - Buffet lunch and end of the workshop

