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10.00 AM – 6 PM (CET, Italy Time)

Aula Biral, Palazzo Malcanton

Marcorà, Venice and on Zoom

Organizer

**Maria Vittoria Comacchi**

The conference is in person and  
online. Attendance is free.

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## Across the Mediterranean: Connected Histories of Universal Wisdom and Antiquarianism (1400–1800)

10.00-10.15 am Opening remarks

### *Prisca Theologia: Its History, Sources, and Legacy*

10.15-10.45 am **Stéphane Toussaint** (Centre André  
Chastel, CNRS – Paris Sorbonne Université), *Eros  
e Prisca Theologia nel De amore di Marsilio Ficino*

10.45-11.15 am **Guido Bartolucci** (Università di  
Bologna), *Marsilio Ficino's Prisca Theologia and  
His Jewish and Islamic Sources*

11.15-11.45 am **Benjamin Leathley** (Università  
di Bologna – Universitat Pompeu Fabra), *The  
Protestant Pope and the Dutch. How Duplessis-  
Mornay's Prisca Theologia Transformed  
Antiquarian Scholarship and the Global Calvinist  
Mission*

11.45 am–12.30 pm Discussion

### *The Value of the Past in the Ottoman Empire*

2.30-3.00 PM **Fatma Sinem Eryilmaz** (Universitat  
Autònoma de Barcelona), *Prophetic Wisdom,  
Kingly Power, Sainly Charisma: Mythologizing the  
Past and the Present for the Ottoman Dynasty*

3.00-3.30 pm **Katherine Calvin** (Kenyon College),  
*Mining the Past: Mehmed II and the Face of Value  
in the Fifteenth Century*

3.30-4.00 pm Discussion

### *History and Antiquity from Istanbul to France*

4.15-4.45 pm **Maria Vittoria Comacchi** (Università  
Ca' Foscari – Indiana University Bloomington),  
*The Samaritans and the Turks: Ancient and World  
History in Guillaume Postel's Works*

4.45-5.15 pm **Matteo Marcheschi** (Università di  
Pisa – LabEx Comod, Lyon) *"Like a new kind of  
antiquarian": Natural History and Human History  
in Eighteenth-Century France?*

5.15-5.45 pm Discussion

5.45-6.00 pm Final remarks