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Exploring changing ways of living in medieval Sicily through archaeology: the ERC Project SICTRANSIT

The period of history being studied is the sixth to thirteenth century AD, and the subject of interest is the social and economic change brought about by successive changes in regime on the island of Sicily.

Recent historical and archaeological research underlines the central role of Sicily in the transformation of the Mediterranean world between late antiquity and the middle ages. Its experience of belonging to successive, and very different, political and cultural formations – the Byzantine, Islamic, Norman, Swabian – make it a vantage point for the first-hand observation of many themes that thread the current discourse between archaeologists and historians: migration, identity, conflict and co-existence, acculturation, social mobility, and more.

The imposition of new aristocracies embracing different cultures, the establishment of a new capital city, the hypothetical arrival of new groups of shepherds and farmers, the changes in the economy and trade networks: these are matters of primary interest. They are being addressed by the new research project presented here, one that aims to enlarge the current debate on early medieval Europe and the Mediterranean by combining first-hand experience of Sicilian archaeology with the new frontiers of bioarchaeology.

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