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**Planning the Perfect City**

**San Vincenzo al Volturno and imperial monasteries in the Early Medieval West (8th – 11th centuries)**

Up to date San Vincenzo al Volturno is the most widely excavated monastic site of Early Medieval Europe. Investigations started in the early 80s of the 20th century, but gained a new thrust in the last fifteen years, when a new project for turning it into an archeological park was launched by the Italian Ministry of Culture. Recent excavations have allowed new perspectives on the site, making it possible for the first time to cast hypotheses on how the settlement planning evolved from the Longobard period down to Carolingian and Ottonian Age (8th to 11th century). Now San Vincenzo al Volturno represents a relevant and stimulating point of reference for the interpretation of all great European monastic sites, demonstrating how, even in its most remote regions, the Carolingian Empire saw the development of ambitious architectural endeavours, made to celebrate God and his new earthly representative: the emperor Charlemagne. The conference aims to show how San Vincenzo can be used to understand the monastic world of Carolingian Europe, its culture, art, technology and aspects of its daily life such as, for example, habits and traditions in food consumption. Data stemming from the investigation of the Italian abbey will be compared with those coming from other similar sites between Germany, France, Benelux and the Alpine Region.

**Ort:** Zentrum für Alte Kulturen, Langer Weg 11, Seminarraum 3

**Zeit:** **Dienstag, 14.10.2014, 18.00 Uhr c.t.**