

TUSCANY AND THE IBERIAN EMPIRES

MIGRATION AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSMISSION IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER
2026

THE MEDICI ARCHIVE PROJECT
PALAZZO ALBERTI
VIA DE' BENCI 10, FLORENCE

OPENING REMARKS 9:30 – 10:00

Alessio Assonitis (The Medici Archive Project)
João Gabriel Covolan Silva (Scuola Normale Superiore)
David Soares Mesquita (Centro de Estudos Clássicos - University of Lisbon)

SESSION ONE 10:00 – 11:00

Tuscans in the Iberian Atlantic: Projects, Missions, and Cultural Encounters

Chair: **João Gabriel Covolan Silva**
(Scuola Normale Superiore)

Marília de Azambuja Ribeiro Machel
(Federal University of Pernambuco)

*Un lettore umanista in Brasile alla fine del Cinquecento:
la biblioteca del fiorentino Rafael Olivi, intendente dei
Giraldi nella Capitaneria di Ilhéus*

Giorgio Tosco
(Trier University)

*Tuscan "Colonial" Ambitions, Grand Dukes, and
Merchants: Who led whom?*

Discussion

SESSION TWO 11:15 – 12:45

Go-betweeners: Factors, Brokers, and Merchants

Chair: **Davide Boerio**
(The Medici Archive Project)

Paul Csillag

(South Tyrolean Museum of Mining)
*Sebastian Kurtz – A German In-between of
Spano-Tuscan Mining*

Massimo Bomboni

(Fondazione Bruno Kessler – Istituto Storico Italo
Germanico, Trento)
*From Goa to Macao: Orazio Neretti and Tuscan
Networks in Portuguese Asia (c. 1580–1640)*

Gaston Javier Basile

(The Medici Archive Project)
*Southbound Sagas: A Medici Broker in the Iberian
Viceroyalty of the River Plate (1685)*

Discussion

SESSION THREE 14:15 – 15:45

From Outside In: Circulation of *Materia Medica* and Medical Models

Chair: **David Soares Mesquita**
(Centro de Estudos Clássicos - University of Lisbon)

Joana Balsa de Pinho

(ARTIS Institute for Art History - University of Lisbon)

Edite Martins Alberto

(CHAM, NOVA University of Lisbon)
*Transferring Healthcare Expertise: Italian Models in
Portuguese Early Modern Governance*

Stefano Gulizia

(Università Ca' Foscari Venezia)
*Migratory Trading Communities and Iberian
Bioprospecting in 17th-Century Tuscany:
The Case of the Lapis Bezoar ex Iguana*

Céline Ventura Teixeira
(Aix-Marseille Université)

*Bezoards from the Indies:
Between Medicine, Nature and Art*

Discussion

SESSION FOUR 16:00 – 17:30

The Portuguese Diaspora: Intellectual Networks and Belonging

Chair: **Gaston Javier Basile**
(The Medici Archive Project)

Courtney Knight

(Saint Louis University)
*Portable Authority:
Amatus Lusitanus and the Mobility of Medical Practice
in the Early Modern Mediterranean*

Song No

(Purdue University)
*The Poem as Network: Anacephaleoses da Monarquia
Lusitana (1624) across Iberia and Tuscany*

James Nelson Novoa
(University of Ottawa)

*The New Christian Nation Between Pisa,
Rome and Beyond (1548–1668)*

Final Discussion

Reception 17:45

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