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The Medici Archive Project - Palazzo Alberti, Florence

Over the last few years a number of studies have been written about plague in early modern Italy. However, very few have dealt with Italy as a whole, focussing instead on specific case studies or microhistories.

The aim of this conference is to bring together a wide range of approaches from across Northern and Central Italy during one of the most virulent outbreaks of contagion, also known as the Manzonian plague.

Of particular interest is the analysis of the impact that this epidemic had on the experiences of individuals and communities, including government officials, members of courts, medical and health board personnel, clergy, and the population at the level of the family, street and neighborhood.

The conference organizers, John Henderson and Alessio Assonitis, invite proposals for 25-minute papers (in English or Italian) that address the following themes:

Art and Architecture

Religion

Institutional Reactions

News, News Networks and Mail

Minorities, Xenophobia and Scapegoating

Poverty and the Urban Environment

Lazarettos and Hospitals

Plague and the Senses

Urban versus Rural

Gender

Violence and Punishment

Medical and Scientific Theory and Practice

Scholars interested in participating should send:

- an abstract in English or Italian (no more than 200 words)
 - a one page curriculum vitae
- to education@medici.org by 1 February 2020 at the latest.

Selected participants will receive partial funding for travel and accommodation.

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