

## **CfP: The Medici Beyond Florence. Art and Politics, 1530-1648**

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Call for Papers

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Italy

Subject Fields:

Art, Art History & Visual Studies, Early Modern History and Period Studies, European History / Studies, Italian History / Studies, Political History / Studies

International conference

Florence, 16-17 March 2022

Deadline: 30 September 2021

The conference focuses on the presence and circulation of Medicean cultural models within an Italian, European and global research framework, from the beginning of the ducal era (1530) to the end of the Thirty Years' War (1648).

After the creation of the Duchy, (anti-)Medicean interests can be traced out of Florence, as a result of the Duchy's competition with other great European powers. Counselors, ambassadors, diplomats and other 'representative' political figures start populating the international scene, destined to become promoters of new forms of patronage and collecting. The family's growing interests towards Rome and the Neapolitan Viceregnato turned these centers into fundamental junctions of Medicean international politics. The presence of the Medici was felt in Spain, especially after the marriage of Cosimo I with Eleonora di Toledo (1539), and in France, thanks to Maria de' Medici's Regency from 1600. However, Medicean presence was not limited to Europe and recent studies have shown how the Levant and the principality of Transylvania, among other areas, were included into the sphere of the family's patronage and influence. The aim of the conference is to investigate interaction (and opposition) strategies put forward by the Medici within this broad geographical and cultural framework.

We welcome contributions on the topic which focus on objects, collections and the mobility of artists, tying the arguments to specific political-ideological contexts, focusing on the relationship between art and power, and on the exchange, hybridization and recontextualization of political values and their symbols.

To participate, proposals of up to 2300 characters and accompanied by a brief CV of up to 1800 characters should be sent to [medicifuorifirenze@gmail.com](mailto:medicifuorifirenze@gmail.com) by 30 September 2021. We welcome 20-minutes-long papers in Italian, English, French and German. The proceedings will be collected in a volume published by Campisano editore (Rome). The conference will be held in presence, remotely or in hybrid form in accordance with current restrictions.

Scientific Committee

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