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Medieval Wax Tablets on the Move: *the Archaeology of Portable Artefacts*

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Thursday, 19th November

9:30 | INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

- **Roberta Giunta**
  Director of the Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies, University of Naples "L'Orientale"
- **Carlo Caccavale**
  President of the Fondazione San Bonaventura

10:00 | session 1

Wax Tablets in Context: History, Archaeology, and Use

- **Michele Cammarosano**
  Università di Napoli "L'Orientale", PI of the *TabulaRasa Project*

A short history of wax tablets

- **Daniele Ferraiuolo**
  Università di Napoli "L'Orientale", *TabulaRasa Project*

The Archaeology of Medieval Portable Wax Tablets: An Overview in Light of the ERC TabulaRasa Project

COFFEE BREAK

SPECIAL FOCUS

Notes from the Middle Ages: The Paderborner Wax Tablet Book (Germany)

- **Susanne Bretzel** (LWL-Archäologie für Westfalen);
  Heike Tausendfreund (Denkmal 3D)

Excavation and Conservation Treatment

- **Sveva Gai** (LWL-Archäologie für Westfalen);
  Marc Smith (École nationale des chartes)

Historical Context, Texts and Hands

– Discussion

13:00 | Lunch at the Sala Brancaccio

14:30 | session 2

Wax Tablets, Cases, and Portable Writing Equipment – Part A

- **Kristel Zilmer**
  Kulturhistorisk museum, Universitetet i Oslo

Runes on the Move: Wax Tablets and Inscribed Objects in Medieval Norwegian Contexts

- **Svea Janzen**
  Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena

Ivory Wax Tablets as Portable Artefacts: Use and Materiality in Late Medieval France

| Discussion

Friday, 20th November

10:00 | session 3

Wax Tablets, Cases, and Portable Writing Equipment – Part B

- **Élisabeth Lalou**
  Université de Rouen

Wax Tablets in the French Context: Uses, Technical Features and Archaeological Evidence

- **Lena Strid**
  Independent Researcher

Wax Tablets, Styli, and Writing-Related Artefacts in Medieval Scandinavia: Tracing Literacies through Material Evidence

- **Lukas Saul**
  Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

Material Evidence for School Writing in Medieval Lübeck

– Discussion and Conclusions

12:30 | Farewell Aperitivo at the Sala Brancaccio