

THE MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES RESEARCH UNIT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ

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The **Mediterranean Studies Research Unit** brings together faculty and graduate students across a range of disciplines to develop awareness of the significance of the Pre-Modern Mediterranean as an arena of research and teaching. For further information, see www.mediterraneanseminar.org.

Meeting 1 (Friday, February 1, 3–4:30pm, Humanities 1, room 420, UCSC)

Reading Group: Objects, Buildings, Landscapes

Grabar, Oleg. "A Theory of Intermediaries in Art," *The Mediation of Ornament* (Princeton: 1992), pp. 9–46.
Conan, Michael. "Learning from Middle East Garden Traditions," *Middle East Garden Traditions: Unity and Diversity*, ed.: Michael Conan (Harvard: 2007), pp. 3–21.

Meeting 2 (Friday, February 15, 3–4:30pm, Stevenson Fireside Lounge, UCSC)

Seminar/Round Table: Commerce and Religious Identity in the Late Medieval Mediterranean

Co-sponsored by the UC France-Berkeley Fund, Stevenson College, and Cowell College (UCSC)

Speakers: Damien Coulon (U Strasbourg), Dominique Valérian (U Paris) & Brian A. Catlos (UCSC)

Readings will be circulated in advance (please request, see below).

A **reception** sponsored by Cowell College will be held at Cowell Provost house (5–7pm). **Please RSVP by February 4.**

Meeting 3 (Friday, March 7, 3–4:30pm, Humanities 1, room 420, UCSC)

Seminar: Power and Gender in Late Medieval and Early-Modern Europe: Christine de Pizan meets Niccolò Machiavelli

Speaker: Theresa Earenfight (Medieval Studies, Seattle U.)

Readings will be circulated in advance (please request, see below).

Faculty, teaching staff, graduate students and seniors are welcome.

Proposals for readings and guest speakers are encouraged.

Please email Michael Ursell (mursell@ucsc.edu) to **receive copies of readings**, to **RSVP** the reception at Cowell College Provost House, and/or for further information.

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