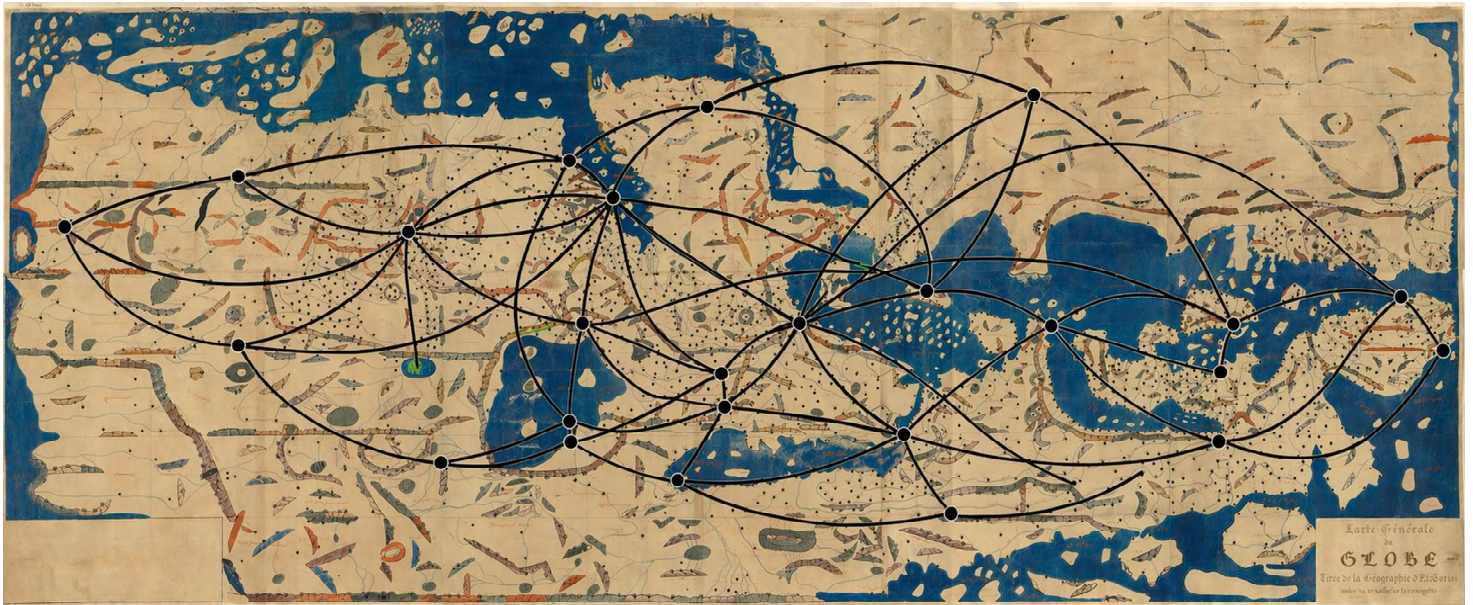


Cross-water connectivity and microregional changes across Post-Roman, Byzantine and Islamic worlds

Friday, 24 April 2026, 14:00-18:00, Janskerkhof 13, 006, Utrecht University

Organized by Antonia Bosanquet (UU), Irene Bavuso (UU) and Angelo Castrorao Barba (EEA,CSIC)



14.00 Welcome

14.10 Irene Bavuso (Utrecht University), Connectivity and Resource Exploitation across the Channel (ca. 5th-7th c.)

14.25 Robert Fliermann (Utrecht University), Incense, Falcons & Adulterous Kings. Cross-Water Communication in the Boniface (d. 754) Correspondence

14.40 Simon Noordzij (Utrecht University), Σίτος, hwæte and hveiti: The Interpretation of Grain Trade in the Life of St Nicholas across Three Different Cultures

14.55 Discussion and break

15.40 Antonia Bosanquet (Utrecht University), On Whether He May Travel to the Christians: Discussions about Mediterranean Trade and Travel in Islamic Legal Discourse

15.55 Joanita Vroom (Leiden University), Mapping the Movement of Materiality: Ceramics Crossing the Byzantine-Islamic Frontier on Mediterranean Islands (ca. 7th-10th/11th c.)

16.10 Marco Panato (University of Nottingham), Beyond Collapse: Maritime Networks, Local Landscapes, and Microregional Change in Early Medieval Pisa (650–1100)

16.25 Discussion and break

17.10 Angelo Castrorao Barba (EEA,CSIC) A Major Island at the Crossroads of the Early Medieval Mediterranean: Archaeological Perspectives on Byzantine–Islamic Sicily

17.25 Rolf Strootman (Utrecht University), Coastal Imperialism in the Central Mediterranean, c. 400–200 BCE

17.40 Final discussion

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