

Conference Proposal

- Duration: Three half-days = 5 speakers on the first morning, 5 speakers in the afternoon, 3 speakers during the first part of the following morning; the second part of that morning will be dedicated to a workshop on migration sources and databases, intended for students and researchers
- Location: Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Saint-Martin-d'Hères, a town near Grenoble
- Proposed dates: Thursday–Friday, February 13–14, March 13–14, and March 20–21, 2025
- Organization: University of Grenoble (Anne Marie Granet Abisset) - Interuniversity Research Center for Territorial Analysis, Bari (Biagio Salvemini)
- Subject / Title: Migration: Sources and Methods, Based on the Case of Emigrants from Corato in Grenoble
- Methodological approach: Focus on reconstructing individual, parental, and group trajectories based on positioning within the context of departure and integration into the context of arrival, taking into account all types of intermediate positioning.

Given that the subjects—both individual and collective—are also actors, it would be necessary to study explicit or implicit strategies, the construction and reconstruction of identities in relation to spatiality, narrative-based memories, and objects of symbolic value linked to periods of spatial upheaval. Consequently, the preferred sources would be those containing names or those that could be used to identify individuals—needless to say, within a framework, even a quantitative one, that would need to be reconstructed.

Since these studies involve individuals, in both qualitative and quantitative approaches, significant attention will be given to legal issues regarding databases containing personal data, along with the equally pressing question of making the data available to a broader public. This aspect will be addressed in a workshop, drawing in particular :

- on the work carried out by the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (OFPRA) and its database, which is based on asylum seekers' files

- on the *Albero Genealogico Coratino*, currently under construction by the *Atelier Généalogique* de Marseille association, which currently contains data on 26,000 interconnected individuals

- on the database currently being developed by CRIAT using genealogical data, civil registry records from Corato from 1900 to 1938, and passport applicant records from Corato from 1920 to 1960.

Draft program:

First morning 9:15 AM – 1:00 PM Chair: Anne Marie Granet Abisset

- Michele Colucci (ISMed-CNR Naples): Historiography of Migration: Problems and Methods
- Yvan Gastaut: Historiography of Migration: Issues and Methods
- Stefano Mangullo (University of Bari): Corato, a Mediterranean “agrotown”

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. coffee break

- Anne Dalmasso (UGA): Grenoble, a City Undergoing Modernization
- Donato Di Sanzo (ISMed-CNR Naples), Giovanni Ferrarese (University of Salerno): Migration flows between Corato and Grenoble

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Discussion

Afternoon 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM Chair: Biagio Salvemini

- Anne Marie Granet Abisset (University of Grenoble): What narrative on migration?
- Stéphane Mourlane (AMU): Oral and autobiographical sources
- Pierre Judet or Gilles della Vedova: “Public” sources containing names

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM coffee break

- James Smith (Atelier Généalogique, Marseille): The contribution of genealogists to migration research
- Luigi Lorenzetti (University of Italian Switzerland) (*subject to confirmation*): How to approach migration from a circular perspective and take into account places of departure, arrival, and in-between
- 5:30–6:30 PM Discussion

Second morning 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Chair: Catherine Virlouvet

- Véronique Ginouves (MMSH-AMU): The legal aspects of personal databases: issues in open science
- Dzonar Kevonian (University of Caen): Building directed databases: the example of the OFPRA database
- Francesco Di Filippo (ISMed-CNR, Naples), Resmi Hallulli (University of Bari): A database under construction on emigration from Corato to Grenoble

10:30–10:45 a.m. coffee break

- Workshop on *data* production from *sources* and database creation, led by Julien Caranton (UGA), Dzovinar Kevonian, and Francesco Di Filippo (ISMed-CNR, Naples)