

Scholars at War in the Near East

Catania, 2-3 October 2025

Dipartimento di Scienze Umanistiche
(Monastero dei Benedettini, P.zza Dante 32)

2 October 2025, h. 10.30, Aula 106

Chair: Stefano Rapisarda

Welcome Speech by the Director of the Department

Prof. Marina Paino

- h. 11.00: SWARD (PRIN 2022) in the Framework of Local
and National Research.

Stefano Rapisarda (Catania)

- h. 11.30: SWARD Meeting in Catania: Assessment and
Perspectives.

Marco Moriggi (Catania)

Lunch Break

2 October 2025, h. 14.00, Aula 106

Chair: Marco Moriggi

- h. 14-14.30: A Portrait of the Archaeologist as a National
Hero: Yigal Yadin and the Popularization of the Israeli
Archaeological Discourse.

Giacomo Loi (Haifa)

- h. 14.40-15.10: "... e la divisa ha rinserrato il semitologo":
Rome, 11 October 1943 (and already Vilna, 23 April 1942).

Riccardo Contini (Napoli "Orientale")

- h. 15.20-15.50: Dante: A Poet for All Battles.

Alessandro Scafi (London, The Warburg Institute)

Coffee break

- h. 16.30-17.00: Jihadis: Near Eastern Archaeologists at
War.

Stefan R. Hauser (Konstanz)

- h. 17.10-17.40: Archaeology, Identity, and Power: Hatra
and the Politics of Archaeology in Post IIWW Iraq.

Ilaria Bucci (Durham)

3 October 2025, h. 10.00-13.00, Aula 106

Roundtable discussion: "Beyond SWARD, research
perspectives and political actors in the contemporary
Near Eastern context".