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The Substance of Sacred Place:
An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Locative Materiality

20th June 2013 – 21st June 2013

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## Thursday, 20th June 2013

### Earth & Stone

10:30 Lucy Donkin (University of Bristol)  
*Earth and the Properties of Place in the Middle Ages*

11:00 Neta Bodner (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)  
*To Be Buried in Jerusalem in Pisa: The Legend of the Sacred Soil in the Camposanto*

12:00 Kristine Larison (University of Chicago/Southern Methodist University, Dallas)  
*‘On the Pattern of the Original Bush’: Rocks and Relics at the Monastery of St. Catherine, Sinai*

12:30 Laura Veneskey (Columbia University, New York Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem)  
*Material as Metonym: Earth and Image at Qal’at Sem’an*

13:00 Discussion

13:30 Lunch

### Brick & Marble

15:00 Jasmina Ciric (University of Belgrade)  
*Earthly Substance and Sacred Skin: Brick in Constantinopolitan Architecture During the Period of Palaiologoi*

15:30 Chanchal Dadlani (Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem)  
*Rendering Piety in Mughal India: The Pearl Mosque of Delhi*

16:00 Break

16:30 Courtney Coyne Jensen (D.I.S. Architecture and Design Dept., Copenhagen)  
*Sigurd Lewerentz’s Markuskyrkan: Masonry, Myth, Mimesis, Mass*

17:00 Discussion

## Friday, 21st June 2013

### Mountains & Caves

10:00 Byron Hamann (Ohio State University, Columbus)  
*Texts, Hills, Caves, Stalactites: Reconstructing Sacred Landscapes in Oaxaca, Mexico*

10:30 Sarvenaz Parsa (Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran)  
*Natural Elements in Zoroastrian Sacred Landscapes in Sassanid Persia*

11:00 Break

11:30 Sun-ah Choi (Columbia University, New York)  
*Materialized Vision: The True Visage of the Bodhisattva Manjusri at Mt. Wutai and Its Tenth-Century Transposition in Dunhuang, China*

12:00 Marie Saldana (University of California, Los Angeles)  
*Materiality and Simulacrum in Byzantine Cave Architecture: The case of Pantalica*

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

### Place & Space

14:30 Claudia Moser (Brown University, Providence)  
*Mixed Blessings: Sorting Out the Sacred at the Sanctuary of the Republican Temples at Ostia*

15:00 Nagihan Haliloğlu (Fatih Sultan Mehmet University, Istanbul)  
*Stagings of Sacrality in Istanbul’s Topkapı Neighbourhood*

15:30 Break

16:00 Sarah Johnson (University of Oxford)  
*The Sanctity of Loss: The Ruin as a Sanctifying Feature of the Early Islamic Landscape*

16:30 Final Discussion