ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES:
EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN
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This course will explore the political, economical, social and cultural developments that took place in the Mediterranean between the 6th and the 10th centuries with particular attention to burial customs in order to understand how archaeologists reconstruct past life from burial contexts.

Specialists and foreign scholars will be invited to expand or deep in some of the topics of the course. See the program at the end of this syllabus for further details on the invited guests topics.

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**PRATICAL ACTIVITIES**

At least 10 hours of practical activities in the Laboratory of the Department will be proposed in order to get familiar with osteological Early Medieval materials coming from our own excavations.

**EXAMINATION**

Active participation during the seminars mainly in the weekly discussion of papers will be continuously evaluated (40%); oral presentation of a case study (60%).

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

1. **Read** a scientific paper, understand the main contents, **summarise it** and present the main ideas and critical aspects in **public**

2. Be familiarised with **key themes** and debates within **early medieval archaeology**

3. Know the main **scientific methods** used in **early medieval archaeology**

4. Develop a **research** that puts into practice one or more about the topics learned and **present it** orally and on a **written report**

5. Be able to evaluate **critically** different case studies and discuss about them
main readings


Eric Rebillard, The Care of the Dead in Late Antiquity, Cornell UP, 2009.