

**WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2011 - MONASH UNIVERSITY  
PRATO**

9.30 Welcome: **Peter Howard**  
**John Law**, Dedication of the conference to Bill Kent  
**Robert Black**, The Legacy of Nicolai Rubinstein and Philip Jones

**Session 1**

**CLASS AND PATRONAGE**

Chair: **John Law**; Discussant: **Andrea Zorzi**

10.30 **Dale Kent**  
Cosimo de' Medici's Patriarchal Autorità over His Fellow Citizens of the Florentine Republic

10.55 *Morning coffee*

11.15 **Lorenz Böninger**  
The Medici and National Minorities: Protection and Conflict

11.40 **Franco Franceschi**  
I Medici e il governo dell'economia

12.05 **Andrea Zorzi**  
Responds

12.30 Discussion

13.30 *Buffet lunch*

**Session 2**

**THE MEDICI AND OTHER ITALIAN STATES**

Chair: **Christine Meek**; Discussant: **Gian Maria Varanini**

15.00 **Giorgio Chittolini**  
Civitates potentes: Firenze, Genova, Venezia e i loro territori nel Quattrocento

15.25 **Stefano Carrai**  
Poesia laurenziana e poesia senese

15.50 *Afternoon tea*

16.15 **Jane Black**  
The Medici and the Sforza: a Breed Apart?

16.40 **Marco Gentile**  
Toscani e Lombardi. Note sulla cultura politica degli "officiali" fra Toscana Fiorentina e Lombardia Sforzesca

17.05 **Gian Maria Varanini**  
Responds

17.30 Discussion

**THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2011 - VILLA I TATTI  
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9.00 Welcome: **Lino Pertile**

**Session 3**

**RELIGION AND THE CHURCH**

Chair: **Melissa Bullard**; Discussant: **Peter Howard**

9.15 **David Peterson**  
The Early Medici and the Florentine Church, 1375-1460

9.40 **Paolo Orvieto**  
Religione e letteratura nella Firenze oligarchica, medicea e savonaroliana

10.05 **David Chambers**  
The Need for a Florentine or Medici Cardinal in Rome

10.30 *Morning coffee*

10.55 **Marco Pellegrini**  
Il sistema di potere dei Medici e il papato romano: un confronto tra due modelli di accentramento

11.20 **Peter Howard**  
Responds

11.45 Discussion

13.00 *Buffet lunch*

**Session 4**

**IMAGE**

Chair: **Jonathan Nelson**; Discussant: **Caroline Elam**

14.30 **Amanda Lillie**  
Castellation as Seigniorial Paradigm

14.55 **Francesco Bausi**  
Moderatores republicae. I Medici come difensori della libertà nella letteratura fiorentina del '400

15.20 **Alison Wright**  
Marking Time: Medici Imagery and Ruler Iconography

15.45 *Afternoon tea*

16.10 **Blake Wilson**  
Sound Patrons: The Medici and Music

16.35 **Caroline Elam**  
Responds

17.00 Discussion

18.30 *Concert*: Singer Pur  
"La Chiesa e il Palazzo": Renaissance polyphony for Florence, Ferrara, Mantua and Milan

**FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2011 - VILLA I TATTI  
FLORENCE**

**Session 5**

**POLITICAL THEORY AND PRACTICE**

Chair: **Robert Black**; Discussant: **Stephen Milner**

9.15 **Riccardo Fubini**  
Il regime dei Medici in Firenze e la sua mancata rappresentazione nel pensiero politico coevo. Analogie e differenze con gli altri maggiori poteri italiani del tempo

9.40 **Melissa Bullard**  
Diplomacy, Language and the "Arts of Power"

10.05 *Morning coffee*

10.40 **Alison Brown**  
Piero in Power, 1492-1494: Drawing a Balance for Four Generations of Medici Control

11.05 **Stephen Milner**  
Responds

11.30 Discussion

12.30 Concluding remarks

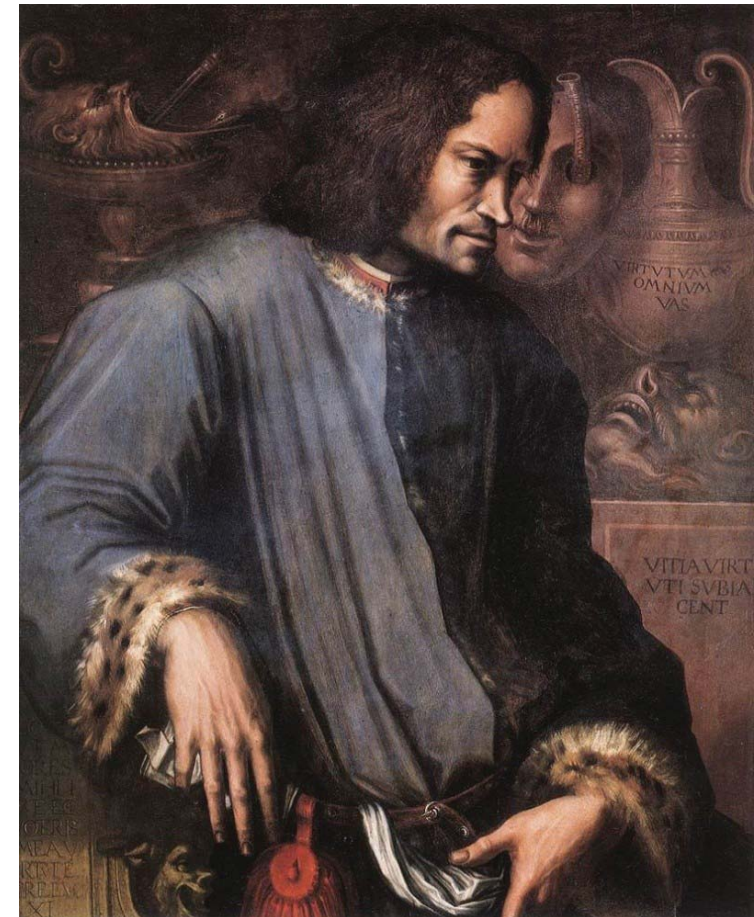
13.00 *Buffet lunch*



*Bill Kent*

# THE MEDICI IN THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY SIGNORI OF FLORENCE?

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