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## Dalle rotte alle strade. Infrastrutture e insediamenti dalle origini all'età romana

### PhD defence propositions

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- 1) Only by cross-cutting sources and disciplines can one aspire to reconstruct the past and to place it in its environmental context (Chap. I).
- 2) From the nineteenth century to the present day, the theories of the possibility of volcanic activity following the deposition of the *lapis Albanus* has alternately seen supporters and critics. The debate can now be closed (Chap. I)
- 3) The identification of some peculiar geomorphological features in association with the presence of sites with a long life-span, may suggest a model that can also be applied in other volcanic areas (see the Sassone locality as described in Chapter 2).
- 4) From the ridge to the directional strip to the “winding” road and finally to the structured road. By analysing the genesis and development of natural routes, the concept of the gradual and irreversible transition from natural environment to Anthropogenic landscape can be summarised (Chapters 1 and 3 p 71)
- 5) Overcoming the perception of risk in choosing once again the Marcandreola site for settlement shows how the perception of risk was outdated and this makes the site a clear example of resilience. The sites investigated here lie conceptually between abandonment due to a natural catastrophe and the *longue durée* due to their strategic position (Chapter 4).
- 6) Roads/long-term settlements/proximity to a junction/presence of water/sacred activity. This combination of features forms a recurrent pattern along the ridges and are come all together in the site of via Romana vecchia that not by chance was chosen as one of the case studies (Chap. 5)
- 7) - Hello, who is this?  
- Hercules  
- Tell me Hercules  
- No, this is *Semo Sancus*  
- But you said Hercules, not *Semo Sancus*  
- In fact, this is Heracle Melqart!  
... now I know what Woody Allen was thinking when he wrote Zelig! (Chap. 4, 5, 6)
- 8) The route investigated in this research led everywhere and nowhere. From this perspective one may wonder if it ever existed!