THE L’ORANGE LECTURE 2015

Thursday 5 November at 17:00

Prof. Jane Tylus

Caterina Pellegrina

Like her contemporaries Petrarch and Bridget of Sweden, Catherine of Siena was a peregrinus ubique. Lucca, Florence, Pisa, Avignon, the Val d’Orcia, and Rome were among her stopping points and she dreamt of a Crusade. How did pilgrimage shape her writings as well as her life, and how does Rome gradually come to replace Jerusalem for her as the spiritual centre of Christendom? Jane Tylus will consider Catherine along with other figures who “travelled” – both literally and on the page – in the late 14th century in her talk at the Norwegian Institute.

Venue: The Norwegian Institute in Rome, Viale Trenta Aprile 33, 00153 Rome
to be followed by a reception

Jane Tylus is Professor of Italian Studies and Comparative Literature, at New York University, where she is also Faculty Director of the Humanities Initiative. Her recent publications include Siena. City of Secrets (2015), Poetics of Masculinity in Early Modern Italy (2010) co-edited with Gerry Milligan, Reclaiming Catherine of Sienat: Literacy, Literature, and the Signs of Others (2009) as well as translations of the poetry of Lucrezia Tornabuoni de’Medici and of Gaspara Stampa.