

European Academic Heritage Day 2012 theme: *Objects in contexts?*



Objects in **context?** In antiquity, the origin of fossils was unknown and they were misinterpreted as freaks of nature, feeding sometimes fanciful legends. Likewise some animals or part of them were considered amazing objects with magical or medical powers, sometimes used as talismans framed in elegant and precious jewels. Today, thanks to the advancements of science, these animals have no secrets anymore but still exotic cultures appreciate them so that many species are critically endangered.

Museo di Geologia e Paleontologia Museo di Zoologia

Animals past and present - myth and science

Aula della Vigna – 19 novembre, ore 16.00

The Museum of Geology and Palaeontology and the Museum of Zoology of Padova University house many fossils and many animals considered, in the past, as fantastic and mysterious animals, because of lack of scientific knowledge.



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In the afternoon the Museum of Geology and Paleontology, the Museum of Zoology and the Museum of Mineralogy will be open

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