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World-renowned Italian scholar to discuss food and culture at Laurier

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WATERLOO – Dr. Massimo Montanari, a world-renowned medievalist from the University of Bologna in Italy, will deliver a public lecture at Wilfrid Laurier University on Friday, October 3 at 2 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chamber.

Montanari is an expert on the history of food and has written numerous scholarly publications, including several very influential books that have appeared in English translation. His presentation, entitled “Italian Cuisine from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance: Popular and Elite Culture,” is co-sponsored by the Italian Cultural Institute of Toronto and the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty of Arts.

“We are very pleased that Dr. Montanari is able to come to Laurier,” says Dr. Chris Nighman, associate professor of history and coordinator of the medieval studies program. “He is a world-class scholar of immense importance, regarded as the foremost authority on food and culture from prehistoric times to the present. He brings a lot of insight to the role of food and its impact on culture, and his lecture will appeal to a broad spectrum of people interested in the humanities and social sciences ... or anyone who likes Italian food, which is everybody!”

Montanari’s lecture is free and open to the public.