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endeavouring to investigate how such manifold influences shaped the cities of the island and were reflected in the urban dynamics and transcultural communication of medieval Sicily.

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