



# Folk Religion in Abruzzo and Puglia



**Saints and Animals:  
Narratives, Devotions and  
Rituals in Southern Italy--  
With particular attention to  
the Saints of Loreto  
Aprutino and Cocullo in  
the Abruzzi, and Monte  
Sant'Angelo, San Marco in  
Lamis, Ruffano, San Paolo  
di Galatina in Apulia  
Gargano and Salento**



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Italian peasants attached special importance to the animals in their environment. Professor Edmondo Lupieri of Loyola University Chicago has brought together leading scholars from Italian Universities to present a lively look into the ways that folklore and tradition mixed biology with religious beliefs and practices. Using slides, video, music and dramatic quotations, presenters will explore the fantastic, magical and historical roots of unusual religious practices related to animals. The presenters are especially interested to hear about any memories that Italian Americans might have of religious practices that relate to animals in their towns of origin.



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