

## Presentation

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Issue number eleven of the «Ammentu» journal includes a comprehensive and interdisciplinary dossier, entitled *Democracy, Tourism, Journeys and Migration Phenomena between the Shores of the Mediterranean Sea and the Western coasts of the Americas*, published under the direction of Annamaria Baldussi and Martino Contu, with two new essays. The articles deal with different topics, such as Democracy and open societies, ideals that emerged from the waters of the Mediterranean Sea, as opposed to the walls of intolerance and hate that are being erected in modern times. Among the topics analysed herein, it is worth to outline the following: Fishing practices in the Capraia Island from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present day, parliamentary debates in Italy on tuna fishing held during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the description of the island of Malta found in the 18<sup>th</sup> century notes of Bernardin de Saint-Pierre, the development of tourism in the Balearic islands and Catalonia at the present and, finally, the Italian migration to Brazil in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.