

# *RESEARCH PROPOSAL*

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# *PROVING FORESTS FOR MODERNITY*

- What is a **forest**?

Hub of different interests

Material place where different actors play different roles

Cultural output of a certain society

- What is **modernity**?

Phenomenon connected with a severe and whole change of a society



- What is the framework of my research?



Where?

Italy



When?

Over the 70's and  
80's of the XIX  
century

***Proving ITALIAN forests for  
modernity IN THE XIX CENTURY***

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# *METHODOLOGY*

- Three **case-studies**:

Fontana Forest – from the North

Follonica Forest – from the Center

Monticchio Forest – from the South

- All of them show at least one **key element** of modernity:

Peri urban forest

Ironworks

Railway line



# *A CASE-STUDY RESEARCH*

- to address a contemporary set of events
  - to address sth which the investigator has little or no control
  - the aim is not to provide trends and generalizations, but evidences of your research answer
  - local sources (local newspapers; travel guides; material culture; City Municipality archives; records of Societies involved...)
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