



Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2023/2024

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 12 hours

COURSE TITLE

Sources and History in the Middle Ages

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Medieval History

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

Italian

COURSE SUMMARY

Written sources and social action. The course will propose a path through the written sources of medieval Italy and the related production and conservation processes, in order to show how the sources are not a casual residue of social action, and how instead their own production constitutes an action, tending to change society. The act of writing (a rare, difficult and expensive action in the Middle Ages) is a way to produce small and large changes in society.

The visiting professor is intended to present an overview on the Empire of the Salians and Swabians (11th-12th centuries) as an element in the production and preservation of written sources: writing forms, production ceremonies, circulation.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course offers knowledges and understanding abilities connected to the development of the structure of written sources, with a specific attention to processes of sources production, their aims

and the forms of preservation. This will allow students to better understand the building of historical knowledge.

The visiting professor is intended to connect written sources an political action of the Empire in 11th and 12th centuries

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

A seminar for Phd students will be requested, on the themes of the relationships between imperial power and aristocracy

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The visiting professor must be an expert scholar on the forms of imperial power in the central centuries of the Middle Ages, with particular reference to the forms and functions of the documents produced by the imperial chancellery; the scholar's ability to propose a comparison between the different regions of the Empire, in particular the kingdoms of Italy and Germany, will be important.

CONTACT REFERENT

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