



Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2023/2024

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 12 hours

COURSE TITLE

Missionaries, Merchants and Saints: Christianity and Islam in the Indian Ocean (15th-18th centuries).

TEACHING PERIOD

1st term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Early Modern History

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

Italian

COURSE SUMMARY

This course will focus on the entangled histories of European, African and Asian actors as they unfolded across different regions of South and Southeast Asia and their mobile, multi-religious societies. It will explore the history of Christian and Muslim communities on the coasts of South India and other lands bordering the Indian Ocean. Its main goal will be to problematize the religious identity, especially Muslim and Christians identity, in relationship with the emerging of the early modern world-order.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In-depth understanding of the historical and geographical significance of the Indian Ocean world in the late medieval and early modern period as a gateway for religious and cultural exchanges, and their connection with trade and economic exchanges.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

We are particularly interested in a professor of Indian Early Modern History specialized in the history of South India from the late medieval to the modern period, Tamil Śaivism, Tamil Christianity, and the longue-durée history of connections and inter-cultural encounters between Europe and South Asia. She/he will be focused in the Jesuit missions in the Tamil area between 17th and 18th centuries.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Lessons and seminars could be held in co-presence with UNITO Professors.

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