Visiting Professor Program
Academic Year 2023/2024

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 36 hours

COURSE TITLE
History of Homosexuality

TEACHING PERIOD
2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA
History

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
Italian

COURSE SUMMARY
This course introduces students to the history of nonconforming sexuality in Italy, focusing particularly on the 20th century.
After exploring the meaning of concepts such as "sexuality," "sex," and "gender," the course will proceed thematically and chronologically.
This course will look at the emergence of modern sexology, the "invention" of sexual identities, and the reconfiguration of gender and sexuality in the early years of the last century. It will then look at the ways in which fascist regimes -the Italian one in particular- aimed to reshape gender dynamics and sexual practices; it will analyze the ways in which sexuality was reorganized in the years following World War II; and it will conclude by attempting to understand the achievements and limitations of the sexual "(r)evolution" of the 1960s.
Sexual issues are not phenomena on the margins of society. The history of sexuality is much more than the recollection and analysis of past sexual practices, behaviors, and identities. Sexuality, society, ideology and politics are inextricably interconnected.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**
Understand the historical developments in the history of homosexuality (and sexuality more generally) in Italy;
Understand the socio-cultural development of sexual and gender categories;
Understand how nonconforming sexuality is not a phenomenon on the margins of society, but a political-ideological issue that involves all of us;
Use the tools acquired in the course to observe and understand the society in which they live;
Use what they learned in different situations and for different purposes thanks to the skills acquired (active reading, critical thinking, communication skills, argumentation skills).

**TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES**
N/A

**LAB ACTIVITIES**
N/A

**OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE**
Seminars and/or conferences

**VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE**
Research and teaching experience in history of sexuality and/or of homosexuality and/or gender as cultural element, with a knowledge of the topic related to the Italian history, in undergraduate and/or post-graduate university courses.

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