



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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VP45_DIP_STO

Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2019/2020

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 12 hours

COURSE TITLE

The great temples of Upper Egypt, from Philae to Denderah: deities and theologies throughout the analysis of the hieroglyphic texts and scenes engraved on their walls. The euergetism of the Ptolemies and of the Emperors toward the ancient gods and temples of Egypt.

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Humanities

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

Italian

COURSE SUMMARY

This course aims to furnish an introduction to the study of the great temples of Upper Egypt in the Graeco-Roman period and of their local theological systems, through the analysis of epigraphic, papyrological and iconographic sources. The specific character of each local theology will be replaced in the broader context of the changes intervened in the Egyptian religion during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods. Special attention will be dedicated to role of the indigenous priestly élites operating in the temples, as well as their efforts to preserve the economic and cultural autonomy of the Egyptian sanctuaries, in a country now stripped of its political independence.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- General knowledge of the main features of Egypt's religion and society during the 1st millennium B.C., the Ptolemaic and the Roman periods.

- Development of criticism in treating direct historical and theological sources.
- Mastery of the Egyptian language and hieroglyphic epigraphy.
- Elements of the traditional Egyptian religious iconography.
- History and Cultural main features of Egypt during the Ptolemaic and the Roman periods.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

Conferences will be addressed to students in PhD and to students of "Scuola Specializzazione". Special seminars will be held for students of the Corso di Laurea magistrale in Conservazione e Restauro dei Beni Culturali- Venaria.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

Requirements

- PhD in "Egyptology"
- Academic teaching experience (at least three years) in "Egyptology" in public, international recognized universities.
- knowledge of hieroglyphic and demotic Egyptian writing; middle Egyptian, late middle Egyptian and demotic language; Latin and Classical Greek
- knowledge of spoken and written Italian language
- experience of field-research relating to Graeco-Roman epigraphy in Egypt
- publications concerning theological and religious Egyptian culture, texts and iconography.

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