



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2022/2023

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 late medieval commercial sources.

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 and economic action of the major commercial companies in late medieval Italy.

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 commercial economics in Italian cities of the late Middle Ages.

ADDITIONAL COURSE

COURSE TITLE

History and cultures of the Middle Ages

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Medieval History

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

Italian

COURSE SUMMARY

Fairs and markets: towards the integration of late medieval Europe. The course offers an investigation into the development of markets, local and international fairs, merchant culture and practices between the 13th and 15th centuries. By analysing a wide range of sources, the course will explore a dramatic turning point which markets and fairs impressed on medieval economy, culture and society, connecting not only products, but also languages, habits, behaviours, legal and documentary practices, art and architectural styles. The visiting professor is intended to provide an overview of the development of French fairs, from 13th century Champagne to the establishment of 15th century fairs in Lyon..

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course offers knowledge and understanding of economic, social and cultural transformations in late medieval Europe, with a special focus on developing the capacity for critical thinking. This will allow students to better understand social and cultural changes which played a crucial role in the development of late medieval societies. The visiting professor is intended to examine the establishment of fairs in connection to their social and cultural impact.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The Visiting Professor must be an expert in the history of late medieval Europe, with a specific focus on economic and social themes, and special attention to written sources. Research experience on medieval Italian cities will be sought to develop the teaching activity.

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