



Direzione Ricerca,  
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**UNIVERSITÀ  
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## **Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2025/2026**

**TEACHING COMMITMENT:** 12 hours

**COURSE TITLE**

**Laboratory of Religious Studies I**

**TEACHING PERIOD**

II semester

**SCIENTIFIC AREA**

History of Religions

**LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH**

English, Italian

**COURSE SUMMARY**

The Laboratory of Religious Studies is a mandatory component for students enrolled in the MA in Religious Studies. It serves as a platform to explore key issues related to the study of religions and their potential applications in professional contexts. The laboratory provides an opportunity to engage with topics and experiences that complement the knowledge acquired in other courses. Classes will address fundamental methodological issues in the study of religions, with a particular focus on recent scholarship, including the significant contributions of Jonathan Z. Smith and Bruce Lincoln to the discipline.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the laboratory include enhancing knowledge and understanding of topics within the field of the History of Religions, developing research and analytical skills in one or more areas of religious studies, fostering independent judgment and critical argumentation in the study of religion, and cultivating the use of precise language and discipline-specific vocabulary. Students will

actively participate in lectures through shared readings, short oral presentations, and collective discussions.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDE THE COURSE**

The Visiting Fellow will participate in the research activities of the “History of Christianities and Religions” section within the Department of Historical Studies. They will serve as a discussant for presentations in the “Lunedì della Peterson” series a

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#### **VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE**

The Visiting Professor should have demonstrated expertise in the theory and methodology of the History of Religions. She/He should possess an excellent research profile with substantial international experience. Additionally, she/he should have extensive and relevant teaching experience in Religious Studies at the MA level and a strong interest in contributing to interdisciplinary programs.

#### **CONTACT REFERENT**

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