UNIVERSITÀ DI TORINO

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Visiting Professor Program
Academic Year 2025/2026

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 12 hours

COURSE TITLE

Inter-Muslim Diplomatic Encounters: the Example of the Mamluk Sultanate of Egypt and Siria

TEACHING PERIOD
II semester

SCIENTIFIC AREA
Medieval History

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
English

COURSE SUMMARY
The general course proposes a critical and as comparative as possible reading of the dynamics of the interaction between the different powers that insisted on the medieval Mediterranean between about 1250 and 1520. The visiting professor's contribution will be to delve into diplomatic relations between Muslim polities (in particular the Mamluk sultanate of Egypt and Siria and the post-Mongol dynasties) in order to complement the larger part of the course devoted to relations between Christians and Muslims in the late medieval Mediterranean.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
The teaching of a visiting professor with expertise in Arab studies will enable students on the course to gain a non-European perspective on the inter-Islamic practices and theories of diplomacy and the semiotics involved in diplomatic contacts, and on their meaning for political state formation and

recognition in the late medieval Mediterranean world. Students will gain first-hand knowledge of Arabic sources and important insights on the methods of recent Arabist historiography.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDE THE COURSE
The visiting professor will give a seminar addressed to PhD students and research fellow on their research and possibly a dissemination conference for a broader public.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE
The visiting professor should be a historian of premodern Islamicate world, whose research focuses on intra-Muslim diplomatic contacts in the late middle ages and with expertise on chancery practices, religious patronage, and diplomatic space.

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