Summer Workshop
The Archives of the Religious Orders: a New Perspective on Global Catholicism
Rome, 22th -26th June 2020

The Sangalli Institute for the religious history and cultures of Florence is pleased to announce its first workshop on the central archives of the religious orders. This workshop will focus on the archives of some important religious orders and on their materials, providing especially, but non only, to young scholars in Humanities a new perspective on global Catholicism from the early-modern period until the contemporary age. The workshop will offer a multi-disciplinary approach to the role played by the religious orders and their impact from an historical, ethno-anthropological and art historical point of view, and on a global scale.

This workshop will be particularly useful for any students enrolled in graduate and Ph.D. programs in history, but also for archivists, museum curators, anthropologists and established scholars who are currently working on global missionary history, and global Catholicism. The seminar will consist of morning lectures on the history of some crucial catholic religious orders, archival research, and palaegraphy. Participants will be encouraged to introduce their current or future researches in order to have useful feedbacks from the archivists and professors involved in the seminar. The afternoon sessions will be devoted to visit a selected group of archives of the same religious orders. The morning classes will include practical exercises and reading/comprehension of the documents and will be held at the Sala Achille Erba in the Barnabite complex of San Carlo ai Catinari, Piazza Benedetto Cairoli 117, in the very centre of Rome.

During the seminar the following archives will be visited:
1) Historical Archives of the Franciscan Friars
2) General Archives of the Capuchin Friars
3) Archivum Romanum Societatis Iesu
4) General Archives of the Missionaries of saint Charles Borromeo (Scalabrinians)
5) Central Archives of the Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus (Combonians)

The seminar’s list of lectures will include: Introduction to Archival Research in Rome; The Historical Archives of the Franciscan Friars: Brief History and Structure; Archival Research in the General Archives of the Capuchin Friars; The Archivum Romanum Societatis Iesu: Brief History and Structure; Archival Research in the General Archives of the Missionaries of saint Charles Borromeo (Scalabrinians); Archival Research in the Central Archives of the Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus (Combonians); Laboratories on Manuscripts & Documents: Language, Scripts, Conventions, Dating & Documentary Typologies.

The lectures and the laboratories will be held by Proff. Matteo Binasco (University for foreigners of Siena); Giuseppe Buffon (Pontificia University Antonianum of Rome); Michele Camaioni (University of Roma Tre); Sabina Pavone (University of Macerata); Matteo Sanfilippo (University of Viterbo); Massimo Zaccaria (University of Pavia).

A basic knowledge of Italian is recommended, but no previous archival and palaeographic experience is required. Students will be encouraged to develop and improve their current researches by meeting with the archivists and the professors in order to plan future research-trips to Rome, and more broadly to Italy.

Perspective applicants should send to the following e-mail address: segreteria@istitutosangalli.it
1) a one-page CV
2) a brief statement letter (no more than one A4 page) in which they explain how this seminar will improve their research.

The above email address should also be used for any queries pertaining to administrative details, course tuition and general information. Information about possible accommodations in Rome will also be provided.

Cost of the seminar (including the morning lectures and visit to the archives): 1.000,00 € (one thousand euros).

Up to a maximum of 3 registrations amounting at € 600,00 (six hundred euros) each will be reserved to master students, not yet graduated nor enrolled in a Ph.D. program. The selection will be made on the basis of their motivations to the participation to the workshop and the relevance of their researches.

The registrations will be closed as soon as the number of 12 participants will be reached. We invite therefore, if interested, to send the applications as soon as possible, in order to book ahead flights and accommodations in Rome during that week.