

Summer Seminar

“The Archives of the Religious Orders and their education institutions: a New Perspective on Global Catholicism”

Period: 13th -17th June 2022

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, which will be held in Rome from 13th to 17th June 2022.

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. The participants will be introduced to the study of the religious orders and their archives and will learn how to know, read and understand the different kinds of documents preserved therein.

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 Catholicism.**

The seminar will consist of morning lectures on the history of some crucial catholic religious orders, archival research, and palaeography. Participants will be encouraged to introduce their current or future research 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) **Archivum Generale Ordinis Praedicatorum**
- 2) **Archivum Generale of the Capuchin Friars**
- 3) **Archivum Romanum Societatis Iesu**
- 4) **Archives of the Venerable English College**
- 5) **Archives of the Saint Isidore's Irish College**

The seminar's list of lectures will include:

Introduction to Archival Research in Rome; The Historical Archives of the Dominican 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 Archives of the Venerable English College; Archival Research in the Archives of the Saint Isidore's College; Laboratories on Manuscripts & Documents: Language, Scripts, Conventions, Dating & Documentary Typologies.

The lectures and the laboratories will be held, among the others, by Proff. **Matteo Binasco** (University for foreigners of Siena); **Michele Camaioni** (University of Roma Tre); **Massimo Carlo Giannini** (University of Teramo); **Eugenio Menegon** (Boston University); **Maurice Whitehead** (Venerable English College, Rome).

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 accommodation in Rome will also be provided.

Cost of the seminar (including the morning lectures, the laboratories and visit to the archives): **800,00 € (eight hundred euros).**

Up to a maximum of **5 registrations amounting at € 500,00 (five 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 on their motivations to the participation to the workshop and the relevance of their research.

The registrations will be closed as soon as the **number of 15 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.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, participants must have a super green pass.

Deadline for application: 30th April 2022