

Sixth workshop call for papers for young researchers

Empires and Religions: how religious factors have innervated, justified and contributed to rises and falls (1450-1850)

Florence, 25th-27th October 2023

Since 2014 the Sangalli Institute for the religious history and cultures is actively engaged in supporting the activities of young researchers, especially in the field of the religious studies, with particular attention to history and humanities.

We are convinced that, only through the pooling of scientific cross-sectional and generational experiences, the study of the past can effectively foster social and cultural progress. That is the reason why the Sangalli Institute intend to dedicate its annual workshop for young researchers, between **25th and 27th October 2023**, to the following topic “**Empires and Religions: how religious factors has innervated, justified and contributed to rises and falls (1450-1850)**”. The workshop is coordinated by Matteo Binasco (Università per Stranieri di Siena), Massimo Carlo Giannini (Università degli Studi di Teramo/Universidad Complutense de Madrid) e Maurizio Sangalli (Università per Stranieri di Siena).

The workshop aims to deepen in which ways the religious factor - in its broadest term - has innervated, justified and contributed to the rise and decline of the empires on a global scale, through a long period which spans from 1450 to 1850. More specifically, the workshop seeks to examine the points of contact, the differences, the processes of construction - formal and informal - of speeches and practices connected to the complex relations between religions and empires. All the above elements will be useful to provide a comparative analysis. Particularly welcome are the proposals which will not limit to the three monotheistic religions (Hebraism, Christianity, and Islam), but which will consider other religious confessions and cultures, with particular emphasis on Asia, Africa, and Oceania.

During the morning sessions, **Alexandre Coello de la Rosa** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona), **Elisabetta Corsi** (Sapienza Università di Roma), **Michael Khodarkovsky** (Loyola University, Chicago) and **Anais Wion** (Université de Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne) will give lectures followed by discussions with participants.

Then, **10 young researchers** will discuss their research projects and get feedbacks from the above-mentioned senior scholars. Researchers must be in the second year of their doctorate or have held a Ph.D. in **History, History of Arts, History of Literature, and Religious Studies**. The Ph.D. must have been obtained **in the last 5 years**, counting from the date of this call. Lectures and discussions could be in Italian, English, French and Spanish.

The selected young researchers will receive from the Sangalli Institute a refund for travel and living expenses **up to 250,00 euros**, only upon presentation of relevant receipts. The Sangalli Institute will be pleased to help young researchers in finding suitable accommodation in Florence.

To participate in the selection, candidates must send their application, together with all required documents, **no later than 12.00 (CEST) of the 20th of July 2023**, at the following address: segreteria@istitutosangalli.it.

Applications must include, exclusively in digital format:

- a) a CV, with e-mail and telephone number, specifying that the young researcher is at least on his/her second year of a doctorate or has obtained a Ph.D. in historical, anthropological, literary, art disciplines and in religious studies no more than 5 years prior to the date of this call
- b) researchers enrolled in the second year of their doctorate must present a summary of the research project of their thesis (no more than 4.000 characters)
- c) doctors who have held their Ph.D. in the last 5 years must present the research project they are currently developing (no more than 4.000 characters).

Applications received after the deadline of this call or those that are incomplete will not be considered. The Sangalli Institute shall not be held responsible for any not received or incomplete application.

The results of the selection and the related merit ranking will be published on the web and facebook sites of the Sangalli Institute for the religious history and cultures (<http://www.istitutosangalli.it>; <https://www.facebook.com/istitutosangalli>) **by the 30th of July 2023.**

The selected candidates must communicate their formal acceptance within 7 days following the publication of the list to the address segreteria@istitutosangalli.it. Once the deadline expired, those who have not communicate their acceptance will be excluded and their place will be taken by the following candidate on the above-mentioned merit ranking.

The selected young researchers must attend all the sessions of the workshop and any other related scientific activity. The refund of the expenses will be delivered at the end of the workshop, after confirmation that the candidates have fulfilled all their obligations.

The workshop is open to the public.

Florence, 1st June 2023

The President of the Institute