

Announcement of Competition

1st SEMINAR OF DOCTORAL STUDIES History and Economy in the Mediterranean Countries

THE ORIGIN OF WELFARE: FROM CHARITY TO WELFARE (14th-19th centuries)

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The Institute of Studies on Mediterranean Societies (ISSM) in Naples, Italian National Research Council, in collaboration with the University of Barcelona (Spain), the Consejo Superior de Investigación Científica of Barcelona (Soain), the University of Suor Orsola Benincasa in Naples, the Institute of the 'Bank of Naples' Foundation, the Italian Historical Institute in Medieval Studies, the Maison méditerranéenne des sciences de l'homme - LabexMed of Aix-Marseille University, announces a competition for 12 scholarships for young researchers (PhD students and postdoctoral research) in order to attend the first seminar of doctoral studies, devoted to the transition from different forms of medieval charity - hospitals, fraternities, convents - to welfare interventions in the modern era.

These institutions played an important role as social and economic operators until the 19th century. Their transformation has been the center of a lively historical debate in the different realities of the Mediterranean.

The objective of the seminar is to highlight the close relationship between the users of the service and the promoters of the various forms of aid (food, housing, prayer, education, pawn loan without interest, and forms of support for the marginalized), and in a comparative study and in accordance with large-space coordinates - distinct time patterns in the pre-welfare state.

For this type of analysis, we will make use of a broad category of documents, in particular the sources preserved in the archives of charities and other entities involved in providing assistance (Historical Archive of the Bank of Naples, Historical Archive of the City of Naples, Hospital of the SS.ma Annunziata, Historical Archives of the Arch of SS. Trinità dei Pellegrini and Convalescent Naples, etc.).

The school has a residential character and will last one week. Classes will be held in Italian, French, English and Spanish to facilitate communication among the participants, and those of the fellows will be in Power Point in a language other than that of exposure.

The seminar consists of two sessions:

1. Morning session, devoted to the work of teachers;
2. Afternoon session, reserved for visits to historical archives and presentations of the work of young scholars (30 minutes), followed by discussions.

Applicants should send by e-mail and no later than **July 15, 2014**, to sepm@issm.cnr.it, a signed pdf dossier with the following:

- An application for admission with an indication of the area of studies;
- A curriculum (2/3 pages) of the research accomplished, with exposure of the ongoing research and the work program;
- An abstract (minimum 4000 words) and title of the section you wish to present in the afternoon;
- A letter of introduction.

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept other participants who, willing to take on the cost of expenses, motivate their interest to follow the seminar.

Winners will be notified of the award of the scholarship by **September 8, 2014**. The participants will be required to attend all sessions assiduously.

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