

Advanced Seminar in the Humanities 2023

Literature and Culture in the Ancient World: Greece and Rome



From Sunday, March 26 to Friday, April 7, 2023 Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, in cooperation with Venice International University, will offer an advanced seminar on "Literature and Culture in the Ancient World: Greece and Rome".

The Program

The program will consist of lectures by scholars with a seminar approach on the origins and development of literary genres and literacy in Ancient Greece and Rome. Some lectures will be on broad themes and issues, while others will be devoted to the interpretation of specific classical texts, with more focus on textual analysis. The seminar will also host a number of lectures by invited speakers.

Among the faculty and invited speakers in the last sessions of the seminar were Alessandro Barchiesi, Alan Cameron, Glenn Most, Matthew Leigh, Marco Fantuzzi, Michelle Lowrie, Douglas Olson, Johanna Hanink, and Mary Bachvarova.

The lectures will alternate with a series of site visits, for example, to the Marciana Library, the Library of San Lazzaro degli Armeni, and the Basilica of San Marco.

The aim of the program is firstly to investigate the relationship between themes, motifs and structures of the texts and/or of the myths involved, starting with the early examples of epic poetry, philosophy, and of wisdom and didactic literature; secondly, to examine the processes involved in their transmission and preservation in both oral and written forms. A variety of issues concerning recently published texts and/or the history of literate cultures may also be reviewed, such as, for example, the textual traditions, the creation and organization of libraries, the classification of genres, and the relationship between literature and politics, literature and religion, and between classics and contemporary issues.

The Faculty

The faculty will include scholars active in the field of Greek and Latin literature and of Reception Studies: Yelena Baraz (Princeton University); Shadi Bartsch-Zimmer (University of Chicago); Ettore Cingano (Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia); Joy Connolly (American Council of Learned Societies); Bruno Currie (Oriental College, Oxford);

Giambattista D'Alessio (Università Federico II, Napoli); Richard Hunter (Trinity College, Cambridge); Victoria Rimell (University of Warwick); Alessandro Schiesaro (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa); David Sider (New York University), Erika Valdivieso (Yale University). Other scholars may be added to the panel.

Prerequisites

Good knowledge of Greek and Latin is expected. All the lectures will be in English: a good knowledge of spoken and written English is therefore a further prerequisite.



Where?

The lectures will take place in Venice (Italy) at Venice International University, on the Island of San Servolo, facing the Doge's Palace.

Fellows and faculty will arrive on Sunday, March 26; they will be hosted in the residential halls on the island of San Servolo. Fellows will share twin rooms with en-suite bathroom or 3 to 4 bed rooms with 2 en-suite bathrooms.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided at the cafeteria on San Servolo. There will also be the opportunity in the evenings and on the weekend to socialize further in Venice itself and to attend a musical event sponsored by VIU, usually at La Fenice theatre.

The program will cover room, board and local transport in Venice for the fellows accepted.

Whom is it for?

The program is open to 20 fellows who will be either in an advanced stage of doctoral research, or will have recently completed their Ph.D. The candidates will be selected by a committee whose decision will be final.

Day of arrival: Sunday March 26, 2023

Day of departure: Friday April 7, 2023

Application deadline: Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Convener:

Ettore Cingano, Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia

Application forms are available on-line at
<https://bit.ly/3tqGXmD>

The completed form together with the requested documents should be sent by e-mail to: classics@univiu.org **no later than Tuesday, December 20, 2022.**

Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by **Friday, December 30, 2022**.

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