



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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Teach Mob – Visiting Professors Academic year 2017/2018

1 st Term
COURSE TITLE History of Religions – mod. 1
Scientific area M-STO/06
Department of Historical Studies
Language used to teach Italian - English
Teaching Commitment: 36 hours
Course summary The study of Western esotericism has become an internationally recognised field in the humanities especially in the last twenty years. There are now chairs and research centres in prestigious academic institutions, such as the École Pratique des Hautes Études in Paris and the University of Amsterdam, and organizations, journals and book series have been created that bring together a very active international community of scholars. The field has not found institutional space in Italy, even if one can notice signs of a new attention for it, such as the publication in 2012 of an important collective volume on the history of esotericism in Italy in the Einaudi series of the Annali della Storia d'Italia. The course should include both a general and a subject-specific aspect. It should offer, first of all, an introduction to the main themes, concepts, methods, and trends in the critical historical study of Western esotericism, as it has developed from its beginnings until now. Secondly, it should focus on a particular aspect in the history of Western esotericism in the modern period, by referring to a significant number of authors and/or works relevant for the field. Preferably, but not exclusively, this second part of the course should focus on examples taken from Italian culture.
Learning objectives The student following successfully this course will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Learn to use competently the main concepts and terms related to the study of Western esotericism.- Have a general grasp of the main trends and developments in the study of Western esotericism: how the field has emerged, who are the main scholars active in the field, what are the most important theoretical and methodological debates.- Understand the relevance of the study of Western esotericism within the broader framework of the history of religions, and also in relation to other disciplines, such as philosophy, literature, and the arts.- Process information about specific case studies from the history of modern Western esotericism and relate it to the conceptual framework outlined in the first part of the course. 3. Be able to implement, test and validate codes to solve an optimization problem numerically. 4. Have the ability to interpret and present the results of computational simulations for proteomics.

Tutorship activities

The visiting professor will be available as a tutor for students writing their degree thesis.

Other activities besides the course: i.e. seminars and conferences addressed to PhD students and research fellows, dissemination conferences

The visiting professor will:

- Participate in seminars for the doctoral school in archaeological, historical, and art-historical studies.
- Deliver public lectures, possibly organised jointly with local cultural institutions.
- Participate in the activities of the teaching group for the history of religions.

Visiting Professor Profile

The Visiting Professor will:

- Have a specific expertise in the study of Western esotericism, based on training and working experience in one of the international research centres devoted to the field (i.e., Amsterdam, Paris, Exeter).
- Have a high-level scientific curriculum, which should include monographs, articles in peer-reviewed journals, and editorship of book series and/or scholarly journals of international standing.
- Preferably have previous experiences as visiting professor in other universities.
- Be able to hold lessons and lectures either in English, French, or Italian.
- Be part of internationally recognised scholarly networks, as can be witnessed by participation in international conferences and institutional roles in scholarly organisations.

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