**Workshop on the Historical Analysis of Archive Sources for Modern Times**

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The workshop aims to teach students to read, comprehend, register some types of documents of modern and contemporary age (also through the using of a software for inventorising) and by means of practical classes and to prepare them to use the unpublished sources and bibliographic tools (also available online) essential to the study of Lombard social and economic history, particularly between the 18th and 20th centuries.

By the end of the course, students will be able to understand and describe the most important points of certain documentation types (agreements of lease, sales records, testaments, receipts, dowries, economic accounts), understand their use in historiographic research and use a software designed to inventorise archive documents.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The workshop will examine various types of documentation (testaments and inventories of inheritance, lease contracts, consignments and reconsignments of land, balance sheets and financial statements, admission registers, nominal files of hospital admissions) in order to conduct analyses both on their use in historical research and to learn about archiving software systems.

A short final report will, together with the results of the practical classes, conclude the course.

***READING LIST***

C. Cenedella, *Percorsi tra i documenti d’archivio. Appunti dal laboratorio di analisi delle fonti storico-archivistiche per l’età moderna,* EDUCatt, Milan, 2013.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures; guided reading of old documents supplied in photocopy. Part of the course will take place in the archives of the Museo Martinitt e Stelline so that students can experience a direct approach to documentary sources.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral exam (questions on the texts on the reading list, the course syllabus and assessment of the written exercise).

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

The workshop provides textbook-level knowledge of medieval and modern history for Cultural Heritage Studies students.

The workshop is 20 hours long. It is worth 3 ECTS credits and constitutes an integral part of the 12-ECTS-credit Archiving course (as an alternative to the written exercise).

Should the Covid-19 health emergency prevent in-person teaching and/or assessment, ongoing or final, remote alternatives will be put in place via the university Blackboard platform, Microsoft Teams and any other means, details of which will be provided at the beginning of the course, so as to ensure learning objectives set out in the study plans are met whilst safeguarding students’ health.

Further information can be found on the lecturer’s webpage at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG> or on the Faculty notice board.