

Announcement of Competition  
6th Seminar of Doctoral Studies  
History and Economy in the Mediterranean Countries

**PUBLIC NOTARIES IN  
MEDITERRANEAN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES  
(14th - 19th century)**

Naples, Issm-Cnr  
September 30 - October 4, 2019

The Institute of Studies on Mediterranean Societies (ISSM - Naples, Italy), Italian National Research Council (CNR), in collaboration with the University of Barcelona (Spain), the Institució Milà i Fontanals of Consejo Superior de Investigación Científica of Barcelona (Spain), the University of Suor Orsola Benincasa (Naples, Italy), the Italian Historical Institute in Medieval Studies, the University of Rouen-GRHis, the Institute of History of Mediterranean Europe (ISEM CNR - Cagliari, Italy), Italian National Research Council (CNR) and the University of Crete (Greece), announces a competition for 12 scholarships for young researchers (graduate, PhD and postdoctoral research students) in order to attend the fifth seminar of doctoral studies on the topic of *Public Notaries in Mediterranean European societies (14th - 19th centuries)*.

The notarial institution and the subjects that revolve around it, starting from the notary himself, has always played a decisive role in the development of economic and social life in the different realities of Mediterranean Europe. Their various documents provide evidence from within on the social composition and the characteristics of the economy of each territory.

The public notary official represented a fundamental component both for the public functions he exercised and for his professional private practice, along with his cultural role, above all in some urban realities.

The goal of the seminar is to:

- 1) draw up a complete historiographical panorama of the research topics addressed so far on the notarial class;
- 2) tracing the heterogeneity of the use of notarial sources in many of research areas both in consolidated historiographic traditions and in innovative fields such as the reconstruction of the circulation of people, as well as goods, or networks of connection between communities and individuals;
- 3) highlight the areas of activity (type of acts: wills, sales, marriage contracts, credit, etc.), and clientele (men and women, social classes involved, institutions, etc.) of public notaries in urban and rural areas, comparing the different urban, regional and national realities with the purpose of arriving at a comparative history of notaries in a socio-economic and dynamic context;
- 4) identify new avenues of research in the history of notaries by linking the spatial axis with new perspectives and approaches, bringing together the relationship between notaries and territories, between their mobility and that of the clientele, their specializations, etc.;
- 5) examine in depth their decisive role in the history of writing.

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 Power Point presentations will be in a language other than the one spoken by the participant.

The seminar consists of two sessions:

1. A morning session dedicated to lectures and to visits to some of the city archives in which the historical documents on the topic of the seminar are preserved.
2. An afternoon session for presentations of the work of young scholars (30 minutes), followed by discussions.

**Applicants should send a signed PDF dossier by e-mail and no later than August 31, 2019, to [sepm@issm.cnr.it](mailto:sepm@issm.cnr.it), along with the following:**

- an application for admission with an indication of the area of studies;
- a short CV (2-3 pages) of the research accomplished and a brief summary of ongoing research projects;
- an abstract (maximum 4000 characters) and the title of the paper 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 travel and accomation expenses, motivate their interest in the seminar.

Scholarship winners will be notified by September 9, 2019. The participants will be required to attend all sessions.

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