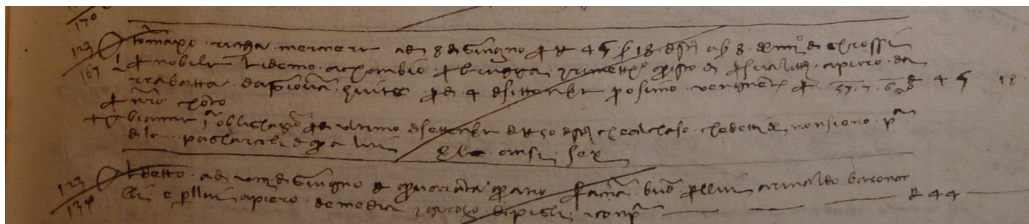


CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**INTERDISCIPLINARY PHD WORKSHOP**  
**ECOLE FRANÇAISE DE ROME - ECOLE DES HAUTES ETUDES EN**  
**SCIENCES SOCIALES**

*The Mediterranean: a laboratory of global history and globalization process*



**SESSION 2015: NEW QUANTITATIVE APPROACHES IN HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**Rome, Ecole française de Rome, 6-9 October 2015**

Quantitative history has long been present in the French historiography of the *Annales* and been mainly associated with serial and economic history. After being criticized and rethought by micro-history and with the introduction of new (especially computer) tools, quantitative methods underwent profound changes as regards both their objects and methods. Today they tempt us, historians and social scientists alike, as a fruitful approach of research. By providing a collection of epistemological and technical tools for economic and likewise for social, cultural and political history and demography, the new quantitative approaches contribute to the fruitful dialogue between the social sciences ranging from sociology to anthropology, economics and political science.

The workshop's aim is to discuss the plurality of these approaches in the context of the Mediterranean in a comparative and transdisciplinary perspective. This will allow us to compare the investigated region with other ones, and to experiment with changing the scales of analysis. The following questions will be central to the workshop: What perspectives do the new quantitative methods offer for understanding the history and present of the Mediterranean? How do these approaches affect the analytical scales and categories? How can we understand, treat and think networks, statistical data or collective and individual trajectories?

This workshop provides an introduction to quantitative history by presenting the multiplicity of its major concepts and tools. We will look into and debate the historiographical

evolution of quantitative methods, as well as sample surveys, source criticism, the construction of databases, prosopographical methods, network analysis and « big data ».

The courses and the presentations can be held in French, Italian or English. The workshop is open to PhD candidates and students in M2 (second year of Master's) of all disciplines and all nationalities. Lectures in the morning will be followed by workshops based on the presentations of the students' works in the afternoon. Each participant has to present beforehand a written summary of his contribution in a language different from the one of the oral presentation.

Please send your application to the following address, **before May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**:

It must contain :

- A letter of motivation
- A *curriculum vitae* (max. 3 pages), including a description of the ongoing research and its timetable
- An abstract (min. 4000 characters) of the proposed paper
- A letter of recommendation.

The candidates admitted are requested to participate in all the courses and lectures.

For further information, please contact Claire Challéat, Secretary for the early-modern and modern period at the École française de Rome, Piazza Farnese 67, Roma, tel. + 39 06 68601244, e-mail: [secrmod@efrome.it](mailto:secrmod@efrome.it)

The workshop, including lunch and accommodation, will be provided by the Ecole française de Rome and the Ecole des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.

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