NYU-RomaTre Permanent Global Seminar
Religious Diversity in Italian Urban History

Call for Papers

(deadline: November 15, 2023)

The New York University - Università degli Studi di Roma Tre Permanent Global Seminar on Religious Diversity in Italian Urban History (RDIUH) opens the call for papers for the year 2024.

The Seminar is a global community of scholars from multiple academic institutions and disciplines devoted to the study and the discussion of religious diversity - past and present - of Italian urban life. The aim of the Seminar is to discuss how religious groups have impacted Italian urban spaces; how religious diversity has been regulated, experienced and perceived in urban spaces; how urban spaces conformed to and reframed religious practices, in particular in places of worship; and how religion places can be considered a cultural innovation marker in the migration process and the process of urbanization. The object is globally conceived and, as such, includes urban spaces both inside and outside Italy. However, for the year 2024 the Seminar only accepts papers relating to religious groups and places in Italy and in North America.

The Seminar welcomes contributions from scholars focusing on early modern, late modern and contemporary periods. The language of the Seminar is English. All meetings will be held online and last approximately 90 minutes. All papers should be the product of original and unpublished research. Priority will be given to papers that constitute a draft of future publications and that present original findings and innovative methods in the study of religious diversity in Italian urban history. Scholars of history, history of religions, urban history, history of architecture, sociology, geography, cultural anthropology, digital humanities, and similar disciplines are encouraged to apply. By combining new and established tools of scholarly enquiry this seminar wishes to push forward in new and innovative ways perspectives and methodologies tied to the field of study, proposing innovative scholarship and addressing new agendas for research. The Seminar guarantees presenters international exposure to their research and the opportunity to discuss it with leading scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds.

Submissions: A 300-word abstract of the paper and a brief CV (2 pages max) are due by Friday, November 15, 2023 and should be sent to rdiuhs@gmail.com.
The seminar will select four papers and applicants will receive a response by December 1, 2023; the calendar of the Seminar will be available in late December.

More information about the Seminar may be found on the NYU website: https://as.nyu.edu/departments/italian/Initiatives.html

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