



Announcement of Competition
7th Seminar of Doctoral Studies
History and Economy in the Mediterranean Countries

**Women in European Monarchies.
Institutional paradigms, political and
economic roles, cultural models
(13th-19th centuries)**

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The Institute of Studies on the Mediterranean (ISMed - Naples, Italy) of the Italian National Research Council (CNR), in collaboration with the Institute of Heritage Science of the CNR (ISPC - CNR), the Institute for the History of Mediterranean Europe (ISEM CNR), the University of Suor Orsola Benincasa (Naples, Italy), the University of L'Aquila (Italy), the Italian Historical Institute for the Middle Ages (ISIME - Rome, Italy), the Milà i Fontanals Institute of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) in Barcelona, the University of Barcelona, the University of Castilla La Mancha and the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain) the University of Rouen-GRHis (France), the University of Crete (Greece), announces a competition for 10 scholarships for young scholars (graduate and Ph.D. students, postdoctoral researchers) in order to attend the Seventh Seminar of Doctoral Studies of History and Economy in the Mediterranean Countries, dedicated to *Women in European Monarchies. Institutional paradigms, political and economic roles, cultural models (13th-19th centuries)*.

In recent decades different historiographies have addressed the study of queenship from a variety of angles and perspectives. The condition or state of being a queen and women's participation in the administration of monarchical power have led to a renewed interest in questions related to the forms and languages with which queens, not only those who reigned, could interact with the political, economic and cultural spheres of sovereignty. The perception of women's power as developed in historiography is here proposed as a means to transcend the artificial division between public and private sphere, between formal and informal practices, in order to trace the essential evolution of Queenship from the Middle Ages to the modern era and through different traditions and customs. By means of research hypotheses, historical source analysis and the use of different methodologies, the debate will revolve around the enhancement of those elements that allow us to appreciate the distinctive aversion to queens, but also those characteristics that bring us closer to the self-awareness of their position in the economic and judicial spheres. In this sense, it will be essential to reveal, for example, the characteristics of their performance in the kingdom's public life, focusing on the nature of accounts that relate this participation, but also on the observation of other elements that define the personality of the sovereign.

The aim of the seminar is:

- 1) to trace a complete historiographical overview of the research topics so far addressed on queenship;

2) to compare the different Euro-Mediterranean realities with the aim to arriving at a comparative history of female power in the socio-economic context;

3) to identify new avenues of research for the history of queenship by connecting the spatial axis with new perspectives and methods, by cross-referencing the relationship between male and female power, their different modes of action and weaving of networks, etc.;

4) to explore their decisive role in the historical evolution of the concept of monarchy and power management.

The seminar will be a one-week residential course in compliance with Article 7 of Legislative Decree no. 52 of 22/4/2021. Should the health situation change, conversion into an online event is envisaged.

The Seminar consists of two sessions:

1. A morning session dedicated to lectures by senior scholars and visits to the city's archives where historical documents related to the topic of the seminar are kept.

2. An afternoon session, reserved for the presentation of the research of young scholars (20-minute talks), followed by discussion.

To facilitate communication among participants, lectures and discussions will be held in Italian, French, English and Spanish; PowerPoint presentations will be in a language other than the one in which the talk will be delivered.

Applicants should send a signed PDF file (named SURNAME_NAME_VIISEMINARIO) by e-mail to seminario.dottorale@ismed.cnr.it by July 15, 2021, consisting of:

- an application for admission with an indication of the area of studies;
- a short CV (2-3 pages) of research accomplished and in progress;
- an abstract (maximum 4000 characters) and the title of the paper you wish to present in the afternoon;
- a letter of recommendation.

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept other participants who will justify their interest in attending the Seminar, provided that they assume their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Scholarship winners will be notified of the award of the scholarship, which will cover the cost of accommodation and meals, by September 1, 2021. Those admitted to the Seminar are expected to attend all sessions assiduously.

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