

## **International Workshop PhD Students SeSaMO – First Edition**

### **30 November – 1 December 2017, Pisa (Italy)**

The Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO) organizes a workshop open to PhD students working on research projects dealing either with Middle East and North Africa countries, or nearby areas inhabited by Muslim populations, such as the Horn of Africa and the Indian subcontinent, or regions characterized by immigrants coming from those countries.

The workshop aims to offer a challenging intellectual environment to a few selected PhD candidates. The latter will discuss their on-going research projects with peers and senior scholars working on research topics directly connected to theirs.

Each PhD student will briefly present his/her research project (max 10 minutes); a senior scholar expert on the proposed topic, identified by the Scientific Committee, will then discuss the work (max 10 minutes); a debate (max of 40 minutes), open to all other participants in the workshop, will conclude the session. Presentations can be held in English, French, or Italian, according to the preference of the PhD students.

In order to participate in the workshop, PhD students are required to send a filled application form (downloadable at this web site: <http://www.sesamoitalia.it/workshop-internazionale-dottorandi/>), a brief CV, and an abstract of their research project (200-300 words), all written in English, to [workshopPhDsesamo2017@gmail.com](mailto:workshopPhDsesamo2017@gmail.com) within May 30.

The Scientific Committee will select up to 8 proposals. Applications will be rated on the basis of originality, methodology, sources, and knowledge of existing literature on the proposed topic. Applicants will be informed of the selection results by June 30.

PhD candidates who have already defended their dissertation or are expected to deliver it by the end of 2017 will not be taken into consideration.

Selected participants are required to send a more extended version of their research project (4,000-5,000 words) in English by October 30. Their projects will be circulated among all participants, to make them familiar with their work and enable a more productive debate.

The workshop will be held at the Department of Civilizations and Forms of Knowledge, University of Pisa (Via P. Paoli, 15) on Thursday afternoon, November 30, and on Friday morning, December the 1<sup>st</sup>, according to a schedule that will be communicated by July 15.

The organization will provide an accommodation in Pisa for the night of November 30 to all participants. A dinner will be offered the same day to all participants. Participants will be also refunded for their transportation expenses up to a maximum of 100 €.

The Scientific Committee is composed of: Arturo Marzano (President), University of Pisa; Caterina Bori, University of Bologna; Rosita Di Peri, University of Torino; Lorenzo Kamel, University of Freiburg's Institute for Advanced Studies & Institute for International Affairs, Rome; Marco Lauri, University of Macerata; Daniele Mascitelli, University of Pisa; Daniela Melfa, University of Catania; Maria Cristina Paciello, University of Venice Ca' Foscari - IAI; Renata Pepicelli, University of Pisa; Marcella Simoni, University of Venice Ca' Foscari.