



PRIMED SCHOOL

Prevention and Interaction in the Trans-Mediterranean area

## Globalization and Religions in Multicultural Cities

Metabolizing globalization means to metabolize a multicultural 'living-together' of different people, with shared or competing agendas, often within a single urban space. This space can be represented by cities, megalopolis or urban frames where globalization affects local daily life, with visible effects on societal, economic, political spheres.

Cities are the place where globalization is in action, under many and different dimensions.

In particular, contemporary cities are also the place where religions reappear in the public arena and where they can claim their public dimension.

On the one hand, societal changes – and secularization among them –are pushing (especially traditional) religions away from the countryside and peripheral non-urban spaces, which become a sort of new *pagus*, thereby favoring their strong urbanization. On the other hand, these same changes lead to a new religious presence in the suburbs and re-open rooms for forms of religiosity previously confined to a strictly domestic sphere.

Religious urbanization leads to new forms of relationships among old and new religious, spiritual and secular ways of life that have to develop strategies and theologies to cope with 'ultra-modernity'.

Cities equally become the place where 'religious advocacy' can be translated into 'Habermasian' forms of participation to public life and where conflicts can both deflagrate *from* or *towards* a large national scale or find pragmatic, local, accommodations.



The School aims at investigating, on one side, the role of 'city-religions' in some Mediterranean contexts and, on the other, the role of national and local public authorities in guaranteeing a pluralistic frame where people of different convictions live side-by-side.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The Advanced Training Course is a specialized training that allows the participant to:

- cities as places of encounters and competing visions;
- the role of religions in urban context, providing some examples in the Mediterranean area;
- the role of national and local public authorities in promoting or contesting the role of religion in the public arena;
- processes and dynamics related to the presence of religions in suburbs and peripheries
- spread and diffusion of new forms of religiosity and cults in the cities

#### METHOD:

The didactic approach is based on the alternation of theoretical lessons, debates, laboratory and guided tours, always favoring the interaction with experts in the field.

The official languages are French and English.

#### RECIPIENTS:

The course is particularly aimed at:

- Students, MA, in line with their studies, PhD students, young researchers.

The course frequency is obligatory. A final certificate will be delivered to each participant.

Students from Insubria will receive 3 CFU (required: frequency no less than 80% of the total hours, also it is required a final written essay about the experience).

**COURSE DATES:** 11 – 15 November 2019.



#### COURSE LOCATION:

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