



Early Modern Rome

EMR5 Internship

Early Modern Rome is a nonprofit cultural organization whose primary objective is to organize an international, multidisciplinary conference every three years that focuses on the city and countryside surrounding Rome in the years 1341-1667. Roughly one hundred and fifty scholars from all over the world (primarily from Italy, USA, UK, France, and Germany) participate each year, and the main languages of the conference are English and Italian. The first conference was held in 2010, and the next iteration (EMR5) will be held on November 14–16, 2024. The first two days will be held at in the cultural institutions around piazza dell’Orologio: the Vallicelliana Library, the Italian Historical Institute for the Study of the Middle Ages, the Capitoline Archive, the Pious Confraternity of the Picenum, and Dartmouth College’s Rome Center. The last day will be held in the Castle Orsini-Odeschalchi in Bracciano. Interning for the Early Modern Rome conference offers an interesting experience in learning how academic events are structured and function and, depending on the number of hours engaged, students can earn from 1 to 2 CFU.

The work of the interns is extremely important for the success of the conference. Some of the preparatory duties operate according to a flexible schedules; others require long days—particularly November 13-16. Interns are responsible for making all the name tags of the participants, photocopying and stapling the program, putting together the folders that speakers receive upon registering in Rome, staffing the registration table, collecting all the PowerPoint presentations and making sure that each one is in the room where it will be projected, staffing the conference rooms to make sure that the speakers have water, that the equipment works, that the slides are visible, and that all participants have badges.

Interns will meet scholars from all over the world and will come to understand the mechanics behind the organization of a large conference. On November 14, 15 and 16 the work will be a bit chaotic, and unexpected problems will arise, but these moments will test the intern’s problem-solving skills. Moreover, every session will provide an opportunity to hear some of the most outstanding scholars in the field of early modern Italian studies, from art and architectural historians, to historians, literary scholars, women’s history, history of the book.

Early Modern Rome will produce a letter of participation that verifies the number of hours that were devoted to the internship for the Early Modern Rome, and your university will convert these hours into credits (30 hours equals 1 CFU.) The experience itself will provide the intern with a rich experience to discuss in cover letters for jobs or graduate school and will enrich his/her resume. Interviews will take place in September and the work will begin in October.

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