

TEACHING ACTIVITIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

A) FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

First-year students are required to complete a course load of 14 credits (= 56 hours):

- 1) 24 hours (6 credits) of SAFD course: *Writing and Publishing in the Humanities* (9-13 Feb),
Contact persons: zaccaria@unipv.it
- 2) 32 hours (8 credits): *Methodologies of Historical Research*

1) Academic Publishing in the Humanities (24 h): 9-13 February 2026

See the programme at <https://phd.unipv.it/academic-writing-and-publishing-in-the-humanities-anno-2026/>

Period: 9-13 Feb. 2026

Credits: 6

Available places: 25, available on a first-come, first-served basis

Location: Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali

Language: English

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2) Methodologies of Historical Research (32 h): 16-20 February 2026, Aula 5 ScPol, Palazzo Centrale

Room 5, Department of Social and Political Sciences

February 16th, 9.00-13.00

Lectio inauguralis

Cristiana Franco (University for Foreigners of Siena), *From symbols to subjects. Recovering non-human animal agency in history.*

PLEASE NOTICE: THIS LECTURE WILL BE DELIVERED IN AULA FOSCOLO

No classes in the afternoon

February 17th

9.00-13.00 Monika Baar (European University Institute Florence), *Disability History and Intersectional Theory*

14.00-18.00 Ettore Morelli (University of Pavia), *From oral ancestry to written history (and an epic novel). Solomon Tshekisho Plaatje and Seetsele Modiri Molema at the Place among Rocks, Southern Kalahari, c.1899-1965*

February 18th

9.00-11.00 Livia Capponi (University of Pavia), *Ancient Documents versus Historiography?*

11.00-13.00 Stefano Rocchi (University of Pavia), *A Thousand Latin (and Greek) Graffiti from the Workshop of the Arretine Potter Ateius*

14.00-16.00 Ignazio Veca (University of Pavia), *Toward a Cultural History of Conspiracy Theories: Prophecies, Politics, and the Making of the Jewish Conspiracy Plot (19th-20th Centuries)*.

16.00-18.00 Paolo Rondini (University of Pavia), *Is Archaeology a historical source? Cases of study from protohistoric northern Italy*.

February 19th

9.00-11.00 Alessandro Achilli (University of Pavia), *Ancient DNA and Archaeogenomics as Tools to Rediscover Past Populations and Enhance Museum Exhibits*

11.00-13.00 Vincenzo Lavenia (Università di Bologna), *The Roman Inquisition: research methods, recent studies and open questions*

14.00-16.00 Denis Genequand (Museum of Avenches, CH), *Roman Switzerland: sources for its reconstructions*

16.00-18.00 Raphaële Mouren (British School at Rome), *The Archive of the British School at Rome*

February 20th

9.00-11.00 Marco Pinfari (University of Pavia), *Religion and the making of modern "terrorism": themes, methods, and documents*

11.00-13.00 Ilaria Poggiolini (University of Pavia), *EC2U Doctoral Networks: methodologies, themes, and collaborative projects*

14.00-18.00 Round Table (in English): *City, countryside, environment*. With the participation of: Paolo Calcagno (University of Genova), Alida Clemente (University of Foggia), Matteo Di Tullio (University of Pavia), Valentina Favarò (University of Palermo), Mario Rizzo (University of Pavia), Andrea Zannini (University of Udine). Moderates: Vincenzo Lavenia (University of Bologna)

B) SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS

Second-year students are required to complete a course load of 10 credits (= 40 hours):

1) 20 hours of subject-specific seminars for the two Areas: students should attend all the seminars concerning their own area of study; 2) 10 hours of subject-specific seminars in the other Area; 3) 10 hours of specialistic seminars on topics related to historical research

1) and 2) Subject-specific seminars for the two Areas: Modern (M) and Ancient (A) (20H of own Area + 10H of the other Area). 23-27 February 2026, Room 5, Department of Social and Political Sciences.

February 23rd

9.00- 11.00 Maria Elena Gorrini (University of Pavia), *Of gods and borders: the case of Amphiaraos between Attica and Boeotia (A)*

11.00- 13.00 Alessandro Maranesi (University of Pavia), *Imperial Power and the Management of the Sacred between the Third and Fourth Centuries AD. (A)*

14.00- 18.00 Francesco Mazzucotelli (University of Pavia), *The evolution of the Concept of Caliphate in the Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Period* (M)

February 24th

9.00- 11.00 Massimiliano Di Fazio (University of Pavia), *Religion, law and power in pre-Roman Italy* (A)

11.00-13.00 Daniele Miano (University of Oslo), *Religion and Power in archaic Rome* (A)

14.00-18.00 Emanuela Mangiarotti (University of Pavia), *Religion and the politics of authenticity in Hindu Nationalist 'decolonial' education: a feminist historical critique* (M)

February 25th

9.00- 11.00 Jacopo Tabolli (University for Foreigners of Siena), *Beyond the ritual at Bagno Grande in San Casciano dei Bagni* (A)

11.00-13.00 Andrea Nicolotti (University of Torino), *The power of a relic. The Savoy family's use of the Shroud of Turin for propaganda purposes* (M)

14.00-18.00 Marco Gardini (University of Pavia), *The power of our ancestors: memory, rituals and politics in Madagascar* (M)

February 26th

9.00-11.00 Lorenzo D'Alfonso (University of Pavia), *'Kingship and the gods': Temple institutions and Hittite hegemony in Syria during the Late Bronze Age* (A)

11.00-13.00 Francesca Simi (University of Udine), *Assyrian engineered landscape between power, religion and propaganda* (A)

14.00-18.00 Pietro Repishti (University of Pavia), *Rituals of revolt: vodun performance as counterpower* (M)

February 27th

9.00-13.00 Omar Coloru (University of Bari), *Hellenistic kingship: local cults and cult of the sovereign from Alexander to the last Seleucids* (A)

14.00-18.00 Francesco Torchiani (University of Pavia), *From Sodomy to Same-Sex Marriages. The Catholic Church and Homosexuality in the Twentieth Century* (M)

3) February 16th, 19th and 20th: Specialistic seminars on topics related to historical research (10h) Room 5, Department of Social and Political Sciences

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C) THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS

Third-year PhD candidates who have not received, or have only partially received, recognition of their teaching activities from the PhD Board are required to attend the didactic lecture and will select from the above-mentioned lectures to complete their 20-hour course load.