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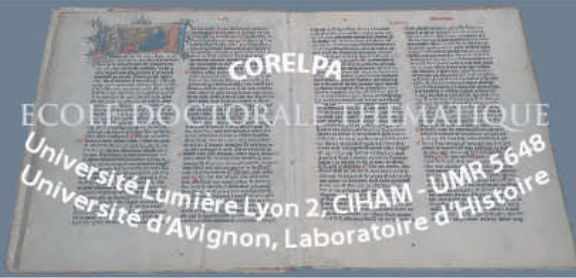
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Starting in 2009, the Laboratory of History of the University of Avignon, the University of Lyon 2, the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, the Ecole normale supérieure - Lettres et Sciences sociales and the Centre national de la recherche scientifiques (CIHAM - UMR 5648) are organizing a Graduate Summer School devoted each year to writing practices in Southern France and adjacent lands (Catalonia, Languedoc, Provence, Liguria and papal lands), from the twelfth to the eighteenth century. It seeks to shed light on the uses of writing in the Mediterranean area. The goal of the Graduate Summer School is to provide high-level technical training in the history of the various writing practices of chanceries, clerical offices, notarial offices, scriptoria, writing and decoration workshops, etc.) as well as on the social dimensions of the written word in the Northern Mediterranean crescent from Valencia to Bologna and over a long period of time, which will afford many opportunities to put peculiarities and innovations into perspective. One area, that of the papal lands, is particularly interesting: the papal offices seem to have adapted the various written forms without ever yielding to fashionable trends and could have influenced the surrounding administrations and judicial courts.

Lectures at the Graduate Summer School will be conducted by guest specialists in the fields of medieval and modern history. Candidates should be able to read and communicate in French. (For the 2009 session, all courses are given in French; starting in 2010, courses will be given in English and in other languages).

Application Procedure

Registration for the Graduate Summer School 2009 session will begin on March 15, 2009. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2009. For the preparation of application materials please visit <http://ecolethematique.univ-avignon.fr> (all application materials must be filled out in French). Ten candidates will be selected to participate in the 2009 session. Foreign applicants are especially encouraged to apply.

The successful candidates' accommodation on campus (and travel expenses for European Union students) is provided. No tuition is charged.

Eligibility

Candidates must be Ph.D. students or graduate students in their final year (or the equivalent for foreign students) in medieval or modern history. Applications from all countries are welcome.

For further information please visit the site of the Graduate Summer School

<http://ecolethematique.univ-avignon.fr>

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