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HISTORY OF THE AGE OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT

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Moduli	Settore/i	Tipo	Ore	Docente/i
STORIA DELL'ETA' DELL'ILLUMINISMO	M-STO/02	LEZIONI	36	ANDREA ADDOBBATI

Learning outcomes

Knowledge

The course explores the relationship between history and literature, and in particular the possibility of using literary texts as a source for historical investigation.

Assessment criteria of knowledge

The course will be coordinated in a seminary way, so most of the knowledge acquired will be tested during class discussions. The final examination will be oral.

Skills

The student will learn to analyse texts in a historical perspective, and to explore explicit and implicit inter-textual relationships.

Assessment criteria of skills

The seminar will focus on a series of literary texts from the late 18th century, which students will be invited to analyse and discuss.

Prerequisites

It is wished that the student has already mastered the basics of European literary history and the political and cultural history of the early modern age.

Syllabus

The seminar will address the methodological problems of biography. Students will be invited to explore the different paths of investigation that allow them to reconstruct the traits of an individual existence and place it in its specific context. Minor, but no less interesting figures of the Italian literary scene in the last decades of the Ancient Regime will be considered.

Bibliography

The texts to be analysed will be provided by the lecturer. The critical bibliography will be made known before the beginning of the course.

Non-attending students info

Non-attending students are required to study the following texts:

- 1) R. Darnton, *L'intellettuale clandestino. Il mondo dei libri nella Francia dell'illuminismo*, Garzanti, Milano, 1990
- 2) E. Tortarolo, *Illuminismo e rivoluzioni. Biografia politica di Filippo Mazzei*, Milano, Angeli, 1985

- 3) L. Da Ponte, *Memorie*, edited by G. Gambarin, F. Nicolini, Laterza 1918 (excluding the Appendices). The text can be found at: [https://it.wikisource.org/wiki/Memorie_\(Da_Ponte\)](https://it.wikisource.org/wiki/Memorie_(Da_Ponte)); and the entry 'Da Ponte, Lorenzo' in the 'Dizionario Biografico degli Italiani', by G. Scarabello: https://www.treccani.it/enciclopedia/lorenzo-da-ponte_%28Dizionario-Biografico%29/

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