SYLLABUS – prof. Cecchini

Official course title

History of Venice

Academic Year

2017/2018

University credits

6

Semester/trimester

I° Semestre

Where

Room B2 Palazzina Briati

Professor

Isabella Cecchini

Contents

The course aims to offer an overview of the history of Venice from its origins to the present days, highlighting the general dynamics that shaped its society and its economy in a long-term perspective. The city is at the core of any lesson, but references to European, and more broadly global, history will be included. Contents will consider:

- The myth of Venice: its origins and its connection with the lagoon. The structure of the city.
- Economy and society: expansion, decline and contemporary resilience as a touristic city. Venetian patriciate and the political system from the origins to 1797.
- Building a city-state: Venetian empire.
- The impact with the modern world: Napoleon, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and Italy in the 19th century.
- From the belle époque to World War II: tourism and industrial alternative.
- Contemporary Venice.

Educational Goals

The main goals of the course consist in

1) offering tools for understanding present Venice;
2) understanding the most important turning points in the history of one of the most renowned cities in Medieval and early modern Mediterranean;
3) understanding the problems of the city in facing the modernity as a structural change.
Recommended Reading List


Assessment

Written test.

Teaching Methods

During the lecture students are invited to debate the topics presented in class. Powerpoints will be made available.

Teaching Language

English.

Other information

One lesson will be devoted to a guided tour of selected areas of the city.

Sustainability