

## ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE

### **InkCode: a DH<sup>2</sup> Summer School for Ancient to Early Modern History and Culture - II edition**

**Academic Year 2025/2026**

#### **Art. 1**

The Scuola Normale Superiore is organising for the academic year 2025/2026 - within the **MERITA Project, the network for talent**, with funding of the Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR) (NRRP, the National Recovery and Resilience Plan), Mission 4 – Education and Research, Component 1, Investment 3.4 "Advanced university training and skills" – "Reinforcement of the Scuole universitarie superiori (the university institutes of higher education)", Public notice pursuant to Director's Decree No. 594/2024 - an advanced training course denominated: **"InkCode: a DH<sup>2</sup> Summer School for Ancient to Early Modern History and Culture - II edition"**.

The course "InkCode: a DH<sup>2</sup> Summer School for Ancient to Early Modern History and Culture" will be held in person from 13 to 17 June, at the Fondazione Conservatorio Santa Chiara (San Miniato, PI) and the Stanford Center in Florence, for a total of 42 hours.

The official language of the course is English.

The course will have a maximum of 18 participants and plus 8 reserves of places for Faculty and 4 reserves of places for workshop leaders.

#### **Art. 2**

##### **Educational objectives**

The course "InkCode: a DH<sup>2</sup> Summer School for Ancient to Early Modern History and Culture" is organized by the Scuola Normale in collaboration with UCLA, Stanford University, and Sapienza Università di Roma. It will employ a blended pedagogical approach that combines theoretical presentations, hands-on technical workshops, and collaborative project development sessions.

Each afternoon will feature keynote presentations and discussions with faculty experts from the four participating institutions or other invited experts, highlighting successful applications of computational methods to pre-modern research questions. In the mornings, experienced digital humanities practitioners will lead technical training sessions. The morning sessions will focus on 1. critical data visualization and network analysis in the age of AI (Nicole Coleman, Research Director for Humanities + Design at Stanford's Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA)); 2. geospatial visualization techniques for historical mobility (Luca Scholz, Senior Lecturer in DH at Manchester University); 3. text mining and citations studies (Mikko Tolonen, Professor of Digital Humanities at the University of Helsinki); 4. uses of AI for humanities data wrangling and tool building (Chris Johanson; Nicole Coleman); 5. Cultural heritage informatics, mapping, and digital storytelling (Marie Saldaña, Arizona University). The afternoons will foster collaborative workshops where mixed institutional teams will apply these methods to sample datasets, developing miniature research projects that showcase the possibilities of these approaches.

Additional activities will address mapping historical phenomena, network visualizations across pre-modern contexts, and computational approaches to historical visual culture—all areas where Professors Ceserani and Johanson have significant expertise through their respective digital projects. Drawing on Professor Pastore's expertise in cross-cultural encounters and religious history in the early modern Mediterranean, participants will explore how digital methods can illuminate historical cultural exchange, conflict, and hybridization processes.

While most sessions (13 June–16 June) will take place at the Fondazione Santa Chiara in San Miniato, the final day (17 June) will be hosted at the Stanford Center in Florence. It will feature graduate participants' presentations in the morning and a final concluding roundtable in the afternoon.

#### **Art. 3**

##### **Those qualifying and admission requirements**

The above described activities are suitable for students of Italian and non-Italian universities enrolled in courses of Undergraduate Degree, Master's Degree, PhD, or young researchers.

Admission requirements: a statement of Interest letter (one page describing the field of research, current experience, and skills in DH - if applicable - and learning goals).

Selection mode: Statement of Interest and CV.

#### **Art. 4**

##### **Organisation of the Course**

Each day is made up of 8 hours of lectures (times 9.00-13.00, 15-19, with a lunch break of 2 hours).

#### **Art. 5**

##### **Admission applications**

Those intending to compete for admission to the course must submit an application via the dedicated platform, accessing the following [link](#) no later than 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The following documentation must be attached to the application, on pain of non-admittance to the course:

- A statement of interest letter
- an up-to-date CV;
- a valid identity document;

All applications arriving late or in a form different from that stated in the article herein, for whatever reason, will not be taken into consideration.

False or mendacious declarations are punishable pursuant to the Penal Code and to the specific Laws, Arts. 75 and 76 of D.PR. 445/2000.

At any moment of the procedure, including after the start of the Course, the Scuola may carry out checks as to the veracity of the declarations submitted and the documents produced and may request to see the documents in the original. In the case of false declarations, the Scuola may invoke a special Rector's Decree for the exclusion of the applicant, except for any ensuing penal responsibilities.

#### **Art. 6**

##### **Enrolment fees and benefits**

Participation in the course does not entail enrolment fees.

Admission to the course includes participation in the lectures, the educational material, lodging and lunch on the days when the course takes place.

#### **Art. 7**

##### **Acceptance procedure**

Applicants admitted to the course who intend to take part must confirm their participation, on pain of exclusion, by the deadline and with the procedure indicated in the notice of admission.

#### **Art. 8**

##### **Certification issued**

On termination of the course, those having attended at least 80% of the lectures will be awarded by the Scuola Normale Superiore a certificate of participation valid within the limits permitted by law.

#### **Art. 9**

##### **Processing of personal data and manager of the procedure**

EU Regulation 2016/679, the General Data Protection Regulation, is applicable to the candidates' personal data processing.

The Data Controller of the personal data provided by the interested parties is the Scuola Normale Superiore, a public university institute, located in Piazza dei Cavalieri, 7 Pisa - 56126, in the person of its Director and pro tempore legal representative.

Applicants' personal data will be collected by the Scuola for the purposes of the selection/admission procedure and will be processed for the fulfilment of the same, and, for successful applicants, for the subsequent career management of the PhD students and all connected activities.

Personal data is thus provided to the SNS for the performance of tasks of public interest or at any rate connected to the exercising of its public powers, including the purposes of archiving, historical research and analysis for statistical purposes. Personal data will be processed, also with automated tools (software and databases

administered by the SNS and hosted by any contracting entities), in compliance with the principles of accountability, lawfulness, correctness, minimization, transparency, integrity, accuracy, confidentiality and proportionality.

The personal data collected will be communicated or transferred to third parties (public and / or private parties) in the context of institutional relations, for the fulfilment of legal obligations or regulations or of contracts, within the services required by the SNS (access to facilities, etc.).

The personal data collected may be communicated or transferred to parties established in third countries, but only if suitable data protection guarantees and conditions have been ascertained.

The personal data collected will be published on the official online register and on the SNS's institutional website if specified by the law and other regulations of the SNS.

The personal data collected will be processed and stored for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which they have been collected, with the application of the regulations concerning documentation storage by public institutions.

The data subject may at all times exercise the following rights:

- a) access to personal data, under the terms and conditions of Art. 15 of the Regulations;
- b) the rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of personal data, under the terms and conditions of Articles 16-18 of the Regulations; erasure is not permitted for data included in any documents that the SNS is required to keep;
- c) the portability of data, under the terms and conditions of Art. 20 of the Regulations;
- d) objection to the processing of his or her data, under Article 21 of the Regulations;
- e) the right to submit a complaint to the Data Protection Authority, by sending a request to the e-mail address [privacy@sns.it](mailto:privacy@sns.it) or via PEC (certified e-mail) to the e-mail address [protocollo@pec.sns.it](mailto:protocollo@pec.sns.it).

For any further information, please contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO), at the e-mail address [dpo@sns.it](mailto:dpo@sns.it)

#### **Art. 10 Final provisions and referrals, information**

The head of the Teaching Activities Service, Silvia Marcacci, is the administrative manager of the procedure.