French Travellers in Mediterranean Lands

Explore travelogues in order to understand French perceptions of Self and Other in Times of Crisis

CIVIS Master Course
from February to May 2022

The courses will be held in French
The proposed CIVIS Master Course on French Travellers in Mediterranean Lands will focus on the understanding of the self and the other in terms of personal, cultural, ethnic and religious identities in times of crisis.

The approach will be interdisciplinary, cross-cultural and cross-national embracing literature, comparative literature, history, art history, cultural studies and post-colonial studies. French travel writings will also be studied in the context of European travel texts in order to establish their connections and differences. A special attention will be given to travel illustrations (paintings, drawings, etchings, photographs) which contribute to the construction of difference and to the emergence of stereotypes and clichés.

**Main topics addressed**
This CIVIS course will address the following main topics:
- Travel literature
- Travel iconography
- French literature
- Orientalism
- Patrimonial consciousness
- Otherness

**Learning Outcomes**
The course aims to develop the ability to
- study French travelogues and travel images
- apply literary and postcolonial theories in the analysis of French travelogues
- analyse the contribution of travel writing to the history of Orientalism
- explore the impact of discourses of difference on travel writing
- reflect upon otherness
- encourage interdisciplinary exchanges between participants

The course is organised following a hybrid/blended format
The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens welcomes you in April for five sessions in presence
Five more courses will be held online from February 3 to May 2022
The courses will be held in French

ECTS: Up to 10 ECTS will be allocated
The recognition of ECTS depends on your home university

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**Application deadline January 20th**