

Proposal for hosting the EASR-Conference 2021 in Pisa, Italy

Submitted by the Società Italiana di Storia delle Religioni (SISR)



Suggested dates
21-25 June 2021



“I like the look of Pisa much better than that of Florence. This Lungarno is a spectacle so fine, so spacious, so grand, so lively, so cheerful, that it’s captivating: I’ve not seen anything like it in Florence, or Milan, or Rome; and truly I don’t know if in the whole of Europe many views of this sort are to be found ... Apart from that, Pisa is a mixture of big city and small city, of urban and rustic, a mixture so romantic that I’ve never seen its like”.

Giacomo Leopardi to his sister Paolina (1827)



Pisa, in the heart of Tuscany, is a very lively and beautiful city with an ancient history. Besides the the Piazza dei Miracoli (Unesco World Heritage Site), many other churches, palaces and museums testify to her importance, especially in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.



The University of Pisa

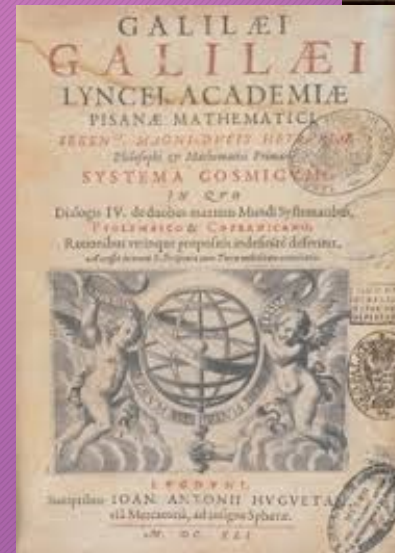
The University of Pisa was officially established in 1343, by means of the papal bull *In supremae dignitatis*, granted by Pope Clement VI.

Among its most prominent professors we can mention Francesco Da Buti, the well-known commentator of Dante's *Divina Commedia*; anatomists such as Gabriele Falloppio and Marcello Malpighi.

Galileo Galilei, who was born and studied in Pisa, became professor of Mathematics at the Pisan Studium in 1589.

In more recent times, it is worth remembering scientists like Antonio Pacinotti and philosophers like Giovanni Gentile, the founder of Italian idealism.

Giosue Carducci, Nobel prize for Literature in 1906, graduated at the University of Pisa in 1855.





The **Dipartimento di Civiltà e Forme del Sapere** which hosts the chair of History of Religions is characterized by a strong interdisciplinary perspective and by research interests that span from antiquity to the contemporary age. Main areas of interest are history and philosophy, together with archaeology and art history.

Specific disciplines include History of Religions, Philosophy of Religion, Church History, History of Islamic Countries and Jewish Studies.

Recently, the Department has been awarded the title of Department of Excellence by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research.

Accessibility and accomodation

Pisa has a rich and varied offer of accommodations for visitors that range from luxury hotels to B&B and youth hostels. The University also has a residence with 44 ensuite rooms (single or double, some of which equipped with a kitchenette).

Pisa is easily accessible either by car, train or plane (and even by sea, if we consider the nearby Leghorn port...).



Looking forward
to welcoming you in Pisa!

