

1) Richiesta di visita di studioso straniero e riconoscimento titolo di Visiting Fellow:

Dott.ssa Julie Minders Germe - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) (Belgio). (Delibera CDD 05 del 13/05/2025).

Obiettivo della tesi:

1. Contextualizing Current Practices: The first axis situates these practices within a broader context of social transformations regarding sexuality – namely, sexual modernity and sexual nationalisms (Giami & Hekma, 2015; Puar, 2007; Farris, 2017; Lachheb et al., 2022) - and the integration of Islam in European democracies (Torrekens, 2009; Göle, 2015) as well as the general phenomenon of individualization of faith (Fadil, 2005; Maudet, 2019). The project questions the development of such professional activities in relation to Islam, replacing sexology in the historical perspective of its involvement with the Catholic institution in the 20th century (Vanderpelen-Diagre & Sägesser, 2017).
2. Conditions of Production (of said activities): The second axis examines the conditions under which Muslim women produce these sexological activities: challenges posed to their integration into the labor market, political issues of representation, personal economic and symbolic challenges (Kammarti, 2023; Karimi, 2018). The field of francophone sexology, lacking professional activity regulation (Gouvernet & Adam, 2023), is a competitive arena where actors strive for symbolic legitimacy. The sexological activities studied here meet a demand for representation and services for a young European Muslim clientele (Lamine, 2015), in the absence of a similar offer on the francophone market. The online character of these activities is an important factor for the analysis, informing the challenges of inserting such activities related to sex and religion in the public space in an entrepreneurial mode.
3. Sexual Scripts and Normative Reconfigurations: The third, and most important axis, is informed by the first two. It examines the (re-)construction of sexual scripts (Simon & Gagnon, 1974) regarding romantic relationships, family and sexuality, by professionals who need to juggle with the sensitive context depicted above. A special focus is put on the normative reconfigurations (Torrekens, 2009; Memmi, 2014) achieved through mobilizing various symbolic registers (religious, medical, feminist, personal development, human rights, psychological, ‘traditional’, etc.) in order to achieve social legitimacy while producing cultural norms in a polarized context of sexual nationalisms. The therapeutic mode of communication and regulation of sexual conduct is also an important variable that is taken into account for the analysis.

Periodo di permanenza: da maggio 2025 a giugno 2025

Docente di supporto: Prof. Cirus Rinaldi.

2) Richiesta di visita di studioso straniero e riconoscimento titolo di Visiting Researcher:

Prof.ssa Monica Ringer (Amherst College – USA) (Delibera CDD 06 del 12/06/2025).

Obiettivo della tesi:

Svolgere attività di ricerca per il suo progetto finalizzato alla pubblicazione di un volume dal titolo provvisorio “Encountering Ruins: Antiquity and the Aesthetics of Historicism”.

Periodo di permanenza: dal 1° luglio 2025 al 30 giugno 2026.

Docente di supporto: Prof. Fabrizio D’Avenia.

3) Richiesta di visita di studioso straniero e riconoscimento titolo di Visiting Fellow:

Dott. Hans Goerdten, student e research assistant nel Gruppo di ricerca Doing Transitions della Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt am Main (Decreto direttoriale con protocollo n. 156391 del 17/09/2025 repertorio n. 9737).

Obiettivo della tesi:

Doctoral research is an empirical project that examines the experiences of gay and bisexual men who have faced sexual violence. Using narrative analysis of biographical interviews, it explores the role such experiences may play in identity formation and, more broadly, investigates the intersections of gender, sexuality, and violence. My current position within the research training group provides the opportunity to undertake a research fellowship, and I would be enthusiastic about the opportunity to pursue this stay at the Università degli Studi di Palermo. The laboratory’s field of interest, especially the focus on sexuality and violence, as well as the theoretical and empirical approaches adopted, closely align with my interests and methods.

Periodo di permanenza: dal 20 ottobre al 28 novembre 2025

Docente di supporto: Prof. Cirio Rinaldi.