

Winter Seminars in Paleography and Archival Studies (Florence, 5–17 Jan 26)

Medici Archive Project, Palazzo Alberti, Via de' Benci 10, Florence, Jan 5–17, 2026

Deadline: Jan 1, 2026

The Medici Archive Project

The Medici Archive Project is pleased to announce the dates for the upcoming 2026 Winter Seminars in Paleography and Archival Studies which will take place in Florence on 5 - 10 January 2026 and 12 - 17 January 2026.

The principal aim of this seminar is to provide an introduction to Italian archives (with particular emphasis on Florentine archival collections); to examine in depth various documentary typologies; to read diverse early modern scripts; and to assist in planning research in Italian archives and libraries. Especially relevant for graduate students, university faculty, and museum curators working on Renaissance and early modern topics, this seminar is taught by a team of current and former MAP scholars, as well as university professors and other MAP-affiliated researchers.

Seminar lecturers include: Maurizio Arfaio, Alessio Assonitis, Sheila Barker, Gaston Basile, Davide Boerio, Carlotta Paltrinieri, Pasquale Focarile, Francesco Guidi Bruscoli, Federico Giglio, Emma Iadanza, Piergabriele Mancuso, Oscar Schiavone, and Marcello Simonetta.

Special guest: Miguel Tain Guzman.

Teaching will take place at MAP head offices at Palazzo Alberti in Via de' Benci 10 and on-site, in public and private archives in Florence.

The seminar week is composed of lectures on archival practice and paleography sessions, lasting between 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours, for a total of 6-7 hours a day.

A working knowledge of Italian is recommended. No previous archival and paleographic experience is required. Teaching will be in English.

Participants will be encouraged to develop their research with archival approaches, meet with instructors individually in order to strategize future archival research in Italy, network with scholars in their field, and gain access to archives and libraries resources pertinent to their research.

Prospective applicants should send to education@medici.org:

a one-page CV

a brief statement explaining how this course will benefit the applicant's current research

The same email address should also be used for queries on administrative details, course tuition

and general information.

Deadline: 1 January 2026

1st session: 5 – 10 January 2026

2nd session: 12 – 17 January 2026

Tuition for one session is USD 1100 (which includes six lunches and other cultural activities).

For further information contact Federico Giglio (Assistant Director): education@medici.org

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