

## Vinci Summer School Post-Graduate Specialization Course

# COSMOLOGY AND ASTRONOMY BETWEEN THE MIDDLE AGES AND THE MODERN ERA

25 September - 2 October 2009

The fourth edition of the Vinci Summer School, which falls in the Year of Galileo, aims to offer an up-to-date analysis of historical studies on the fundamental passage from ancient and Medieval cosmology to the cosmological concepts which ushered in the Modern Era.

The course will revolve around two fundamental themes:

- the ancient heritage of the Aristotelian-Ptolemaic cosmos and the currents of thought between the late Scholastic period, the observations and speculations of Leonardo da Vinci, the Renaissance attempts at reform and the debates of the late XVI Century;
- the complex sedimentation and development, from Copernico onwards, of the different aspects of a new vision of the cosmos, between Giordano Bruno, Tycho Brahe, Galileo Galilei and Johannes Kepler, and its implications for the birth and the founding of a different concept of the science.

Scientific committee of the course: Massimo Bucciattini, Romano Nanni, Maurizio Torrini.

The course will run from **25 September to 2 October**, commencing on the afternoon of Friday 25 September.

The course consists of classes, seminars and monographic lectures.

The following are eligible to attend the course: graduates (specialist degree or equivalent) in humanistic and artistic disciplines; holders of a diploma from an Academy of Fine Arts; and graduates in technical scientific disciplines pertinent to the theme of the course.

**Twelve scholarships will be awarded.**

**The deadline for applications is 20 June 2009.**

Applications, complete with CV, should be posted to the course secretary and must arrive by midday of the deadline. When they arrive at the Comune di Vinci, Via Fucini n. 7/a - 50059 Vinci (FI), they will be registered as having been received and the date of the arrival postmark will be taken as evidence of compliance with the deadline.

**Course Secretary:**

Eleonora Gargiulo, 9.30am – 1pm, Monday–Friday, tel. 0039 0571933244, fax 0039 0571567930, e-mail [e.gargiulo@comune.vinci.fi.it](mailto:e.gargiulo@comune.vinci.fi.it)

The full public announcement of the course can be found on the home page of the Biblioteca Leonardiana [www.bibliotecaleonardiana.it](http://www.bibliotecaleonardiana.it) and on the page of the Summer School on the same site.

For further information, contact the Course Secretary or the Biblioteca Leonardiana 0039 0571933264, 0039 0571 933265, e-mail [m.taddei@comune.vinci.fi.it](mailto:m.taddei@comune.vinci.fi.it)



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