Expedition Fund 2018/2019

The QMUL expedition fund allowed me to participate at the Conference “Approaches to Multimodal Digital Environments: from theories to practices”, 20-22 June 2019 (https://a-mode.eumade4ll.eu), which is indirectly connected with my research project. The conference focused on discourse analysis and historical discourse methodologies, which helps me to enlarge my PhD’s theoretical background.


After the conference I intended to visit the Vatican archive, recently open to the public. Unfortunately, I was not able to have access to the documents; however, the general visit to the main Archive was really fascinating and, although it was not directly connected with my research, I believe it offered me an opportunity to indulge in my interest for Italian history.

The main part of my trip was the visit of the Gramsci Archive and Gramsci’s book collection at the Gramsci Foundation (https://www.fondazionegramsci.org). The archive and the material hold there are extremely interesting, and I would have had more time. I am planning to go back to Rome next summer.

Finally, I spent my free time discovering the Rome linked with Gramsci’s legacy: the popular ‘quartieri’ such as Garbatella and Testaccio, Gramsci’s tomb and the part of the city which he frequented, and as much exhibitions as possible. See photos below.
I strongly believe that this couple of summer weeks visiting Rome as well as doing some fieldwork has been instrumental to my project and my research-learning process.