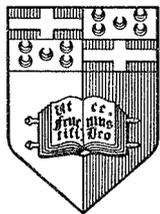


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SEMINARS

SEMINAR ON POPULAR ARCHITECTURE

In the first week of May, the University of Malta in collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute, organized a Seminar on *L'Architettura Popolare*.

The main speaker was Professor Adriano Alpago-Novello, of the Department of Conservation of the Faculty of Architecture at the Politecnico of Milan. A panel of local experts, consisting of Dr. Anthony Bonanno, Mr. Mario Buhagiar, Mr. Roger de Giorgio, Mr. Denis De Lucca, Mr. Michael Ellul, Professor Karol Kaldarar, Mr. Joe Spiteri, Dr. Godfrey Wettinger and Mr. André Zammit also took part.

The Seminar was held at the Old University Buildings, St. Paul's Street, Valletta, and at the Italian Cultural Institute, St. George's Square, Valletta.

The 'Significance and Topicality of "Popular" Architecture', 'Problems of Conservation and Re-use', and 'Basic Building Materials' were among the main themes treated. The talks were illustrated with slides and the general public was invited to attend.

SEMINAR ON THE TEACHING OF ITALIAN ABROAD

In the period 9th to 13th May 1983 the Faculty of Education in collaboration with the Istituto Italiano di Cultura organized a seminar on *L'Insegnamento dell'Italiano all'Estero*. The main speakers were Professor G. Freddi of the University of Venice, and Professor G. Petronio of the University of Trieste.

VISIT BY PROFESSOR F. FABRICIUS

In April, Professor Fritz Fabricius, Professor of Commercial and Labour Law at the Ruhr University, Bochum and author of the Commentary on the German Constitutional Law of Business Enterprises, paid a one-week visit to Malta.

During his stay, Professor Fabricius participated in a public forum on 'The Development of Workers' Participation', which was chaired by Professor J.A. Micallef, Head of the Department of Commercial Law. The other members of the panel included Dr. E.L. Zammit, Chairman of the Workers' Participation Development Centre at the University, Dr. K. Mifsud Bonnici, Lecturer in Industrial Law, and Mr. Michael Mallia, Director of the Employers' Association.

Moreover, Professor Fabricius delivered two lectures on 'The Legal Theory of Workers' Participation' and 'The Two-Tier Management Boards' to students from the Faculties of Law, Management Studies, and Engineering and Architecture.

Professor Fabricius's visit to Malta was organized by the Faculty of Law in collaboration with the German Embassy in Malta.

LECTURES ORGANIZED BY THE EXTENSION STUDIES BOARD

In April 1983, the Extension Studies Board started the following courses:

1. TALKS ON LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

The Short Story

Mr. J. Bugeja

Dr. P. Vassallo

The Detective Story

Mr. J. Pirota

Science Fiction

Mr. G. Mallia

Selected Passages

Mr. L. Scerri

Dr. F. Chetcuti

Dr. C. Caruana Carabez

Mr. C. Calleja

2. MALTESE FOLKLORE

What is Folklore? Writers who laid the foundations of Maltese folklore

Mr. G. Cassar Pullicino

From the Cradle to the Grave

Mr. G. Cassar Pullicino

Seasonal Activities (e.g. *L-Għaġuża*, St. John, Carnival) and ritual (drama, fertility, soothsaying)

Mr. G. Cassar Pullicino

Fables and Legends

Mr. G. Cassar Pullicino

Popular Poetry and traditional dance

Mr. G. Cassar Pullicino

Proverbs

Professor G. Aquilina

Riddles and traditional Games

Mr. G. Cassar Pullicino

Arts and Crafts – Folklore Museums

Mr. G. Cassar Pullicino

WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Workers' Participation Development Centre of the University has organized a three-month course on 'Women and Development', which dealt with women's participation at work, at home and in society. The first session was held at the Old University Buildings, Valletta on Wednesday, 6th April 1983.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

The University has again participated in the fourth edition of the Malta International Book Fair which was held at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta in the period 7th to 11th April, 1983.

The first series of books, which were published by the University in 1953, were intended to assist programmes of study in adult education. The list of publications continued to grow and this covered a range of subjects including Economics, Social Studies, Maltese Linguistics, Folklore and Bibliographies.

Following this series, further funds were obtained from U.K. sources to compile and publish a catalogue of the unique collection of the manuscripts of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The ample material indexed in these volumes was previously available only to a small group of dedicated historians who paid regular visits to the island in pursuance of their research interests. The documents reflect the religious, political, diplomatic and military history of the hospitallers. The published volumes have given a new impetus to students, historians and archivists in making further studies in the richly documented period of the history of the Mediterranean region. The University continues to support this research activity and further volumes are expected to be published shortly.

The list of publications includes a historical series, a number of volumes on the Maltese language, a comparative dictionary of Maltese proverbs, volumes of economic and social studies, law publications and an illustrated volume of the Flora of the Maltese Islands.

The University publications attracted the attention of visitors and considerable interest in the volumes displayed.

GUZE GALEA LECTURE

The sixth in the series of lectures established by the late Professor Joseph Galea, M.B.E., M.D., D.P.H., was delivered by Dr. Albert Borg, B.A.(Hons.), D.Litt.(Rome), Ph.D.(Edin.), Lecturer in the Faculty of Education, on Wednesday, 25th May 1983 in the Aula Magna, Old University Buildings, Valletta. The title of this year's lecture was: 'Min jigi l-Ewwel: Is-Suggett, il-Verb jew l-Oggett?'

GENERAL

Donation of Books

During the last few months, donations of books were made to the University Library by the Canadian Government, the Federal Republic of Germany, the American Centre and the British High Commission.

Public Lecture

On Thursday, 28th April, 1983, Mr. James Bonello, A.I.B., delivered a public lecture on 'Foreign Exchange Risks in Import-Export Business'.

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