



## Advanced Italian – Matilde Serao

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**Start date** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018                      **End date** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

**Venue**            Madingley Hall  
                      Madingley  
                      Cambridge

**Tutor**            Dr Emanuela Davey                      **Course code** 1718NRX023

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### Tutor biography

Dr. Emanuela Davey - Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, University of Cambridge; Fellow in Italian, Tutor and Director of Studies in MML, Murray Edwards College and CULP Language Teacher and course developer at the Language Centre, University of Cambridge.

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## Course programme

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### Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	<b>Film: “L’oro di Napoli” (extracts).</b>
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Introductory talk about the author followed by discussion of the novel.</b>
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Reading and comprehension practice</b>
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	<b>Discussion of film and novel</b>
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	<b>Wine tasting and Italian conversation</b>
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Language Workshop. Reading and writing</b>
10:30	Coffee

11:00 – 12:30            **Language Workshop. Reading and listening**

12:45                      Lunch

**The course will disperse after lunch**

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## Course syllabus

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### Aims:

To engage students in the critical evaluation of both the novel by Matilde Serao selected as course set text and the relative video material.

To present students and make them familiar with a selection of lexical aspects, idiomatic expressions as well as syntactical structures extrapolated from the course material or relevant to the topic.

To improve the students' knowledge of Italian and in particular their communicative written and oral skills in the language.

### Content:

The Italian weekend will tend to be as varied as possible, aiming to achieve a balance between language and literature/ film, lectures and discussions, with emphasis on the latter whenever possible, trying to practise and improve all linguistic skills in the course of the different sessions.

The weekend is intended to be an exploration, through films, extracts of documentaries, analysis and comment of texts and literary passages, into some aspects of the narrative of Matilde Serao and, in particular, it will focus on '*La virtù di Checchina*', which has been selected as set text and should therefore be read in Italian beforehand.

The course will be looking at the territory of Napoli and at aspects of Matilde Serao's life (1856-1927) and work in connection with their historical and cultural background.

### Presentation of the course:

Students are asked to read the set text beforehand in Italian.

During the course of the weekend, which will be conducted almost entirely in Italian, course members will be expected to read, to understand spoken Italian, to listen to and to comprehend original audio-visual material, to take part in the discussions and to participate, individually or in small groups, in the language workshop part of the sessions, where they will be presented with oral and written exercises at different levels of difficulty.

### As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

- Identify and evaluate the main themes in the work by Matilde Serao taken into consideration and to be able to compare their rendering in relation to the video material presented during the weekend.
- Understand and master a selected range of lexical and idiomatic expressions.
- Express opinions and participate in discussions in Italian.
- Apply the knowledge acquired and the skills learned to complete similar tasks, feeling encouraged to pursue further study.

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## Reading and resources list

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Listed below are texts that might be of interest should you wish to supplement your learning on the course. Any essential reading is marked with an asterisk \*

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Author	Title	Publisher and date
MATILDE SERAO	"LA VIRTU' DI CHECCHINA"	Manni Editore, EAN 9788881761050

The book can be purchased from the Italian Bookshop in London (tel. 020 7240 1634) and other leading booksellers in England and in Europe. It is currently also available from Internet Bookshop Italia (<http://www.internetbookshop.it>), with 1-2 days delivery, and from Amazon.

The novel is available also in e-book format published by Passerino Editore (EAN 97888934512530) and .by Albus Edizioni (EAN 9788896099476).

The novel can be read also free on-line at [www.liberliber.it](http://www.liberliber.it):

No general background knowledge is required, as it will be entirely provided during the course.

Participants are required to bring only the set text and, at their discretion, a small bilingual dictionary.

**Note** Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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