

Italian weekend: A cultural Grand Tour of Italy – Luciano de Crescenzo - Napoli

Start date 10 July 2020 **End date** 12 July 2020
Venue Virtual Classroom
Tutor Dr Emanuela Davey **Course code** 1920NRX057

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Tutor biography

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Course programme

Friday 10 July

- 15:00 **Session 1: Introduction to the course and conversation in Italian.**
- 17:00 **Session 2: Film related to the book: “Così parlò Bellavista”**

Saturday 11 July

- 09:30 **Session 3: Introductory talk about the author followed by discussion of the novel.**
- 11:30 **Session 4: Reading and comprehension practice.**
- 15:00 **Session 5: Listening and reading comprehension. Discussion of film and novel.**

Sunday 12 July

- 09:30 **Session 6: Language Workshop. Reading and writing.**
- 11:30 **Session 7: Napoli: cultural aspects. Reading and listening.**

Please note that this course is taught in Italian at the following CEFR levels:

Reading: B2: I can understand extended speech and lectures and follow even complex lines of argument, provided that the topic is reasonably familiar. I can understand most TV news and current affairs programmes. I can understand the majority of films in standard dialect.

Listening: B2: I can read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints. I can understand contemporary literary prose.

Spoken Interaction: B1: I can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. I can enter unprepared into conversation on topics that are familiar, of personal interest, or pertinent to everyday life (e.g. families, hobbies, work, travel and current events)

Writing: B1: I can write simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest. I can write personal letters describing experiences and impressions.

Course syllabus

Aims:

- To engage students in the critical evaluation of both the novel by Luciano De Crescenzo selected as course set text, and the written and video material relative to this author and the territory of Napoli.
- 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 Luciano De Crescenzo and, in particular, it will focus on 'Così parlò Bellavista', 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 Luciano De Crescenzo's life (1928 - 2019) 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 Luciano De Crescenzo taken into consideration and to be able to compare their rendering in relation to the video material presented during the weekend. Gain some knowledge of different aspect relating to the territory of Palermo.
- Gain some knowledge of different aspect relating to the territory of Napoli.
- 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.

Preliminary Reading and resources list:

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Luciano de Crescenzo	<i>Così parlò Bellavista</i>	Oscar Mondadori, (EAN 9788804714910)

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.

Other editions of this book are available for purchase. The novel is available also in e-book format Edizioni Mondadori EPUB with DRM (EAN 9788852014208).

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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