

Research Methodology in Musicology

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)

Prerequisites

There are no compulsory requirements for the inscription in this subject, beyond the general administration requirements for the master inscription.

Objectives and Contextualisation

On successfully completing this subject, students will be able to:

- Discuss different research methodologies relating to historical musicology.
- Offer useful approaches, both theoretical and practical, to archival research.
- Interpret documentary sources related to music.
- Offer strategies on how to present and communicate research findings.
- Introduce the use of Digital Humanities tools in musicological research.

Competences

- Analyze and interpret historical sources and documents relating to music.
- Applying critical projects musicological research and interpretive projects.
- Conduct research archive, periodicals and literature related to the field of music.
- Consider innovative projects musicological research and interpretive projects.
- Distinguish and apply different methodologies musicological research and research in music education-oriented projects.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze the different methodological research procedures that have been developed in recent decades in relation to musicology historical perspective.
2. Apply a simple way to obtain these resources of different kinds of research data on historical musicology
3. Apply critical capacity in musicological research projects and interpretive projects.
4. Evaluate and apply research methodologies prior to each type of research project.
5. Propose innovative projects proposed in musicological research and interpretive projects.
6. To discern the suitability of each analytical and interpretive methodology in relation to the issues dealt with every kind of historical and documentary source.
7. Use basic resources to obtain file data on research in historical musicology

Content

This subject is structured into the following main parts:

Prof. Maria Incoronata Cuolantonio [Part I] (March 9, 16, and 23, 2023)

Analysis and interpretation of medieval Marian monodic repertoires

The lecture series, articulated in three sessions, contemplates the analysis of medieval Marian monodic repertoires and their re-creation as a performative act. The contents include chants from ancient liturgical hymns to Italian and Galician-Portuguese devotional repertoire, passing through sequential production and Aquitanian and Catalan lyric poetry.

The sessions, which have the purpose to determining the main features related to the recovery of the repertoire as a living sound experience, are articulated through the analysis of the oral systems of composition and transmission in comparison with their manuscript reality.

Prof. Jordi Rifé i Santaló [Part II] (March 30, and April 13, 2023)

The sessions will focus on three methodologies of historical musicology that are applied to the research of the music of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. In this sense, it will be proposed, first, the study of the notation of these centuries; secondly, the application of the method of rhetorical-musical analysis in the construct of musical discourse; and, finally, the use of comparative methodology, that can provide with elements generating new knowledge. These methods will be explained through several practical examples.

Prof. Francesc Xavier Alern Vázquez [Part III] (April 20 and 27, and May 4, 2023)

The first four Madrigal Books by Claudio Monteverdi

Between 1587 and 1603, Claudio Monteverdi (Cremona 1567 - Venice 1643) published his first four books of madrigals. From his first Cremona compositions to his period in Mantua in the service of the Gonzaga family, Monteverdi took the Renaissance madrigal to its expressive peak.

Prof. Xavier Daufí i Rodergas [Part IV] (May 11 and 18, 2023)

An approach to music education in 18th-Century Catalonia

During two sessions, some aspects related to music teaching in 18th-century Catalonia will be analysed. To understand the way this teaching was offered it will be useful to focus on three main points: chapel masters, the extant music treatises, and the foundation of the first institution for music teaching in Barcelona in the early 19th century.

Chapel masters, existing not only in Barcelona but also throughout Catalonia, were, in their respective cities and villages, the most expert musicians and composers of the time. They were entrusted with the job of teaching music to the prospective chapel masters. No extant documentation explains how these composers

worked in their classes and what pedagogical methods they used. On the other hand, it is quite clear, according to the contracts and other surviving documents, that it was them who taught music (and other subjects) to the boys in the choir and to the adult singers who wished to improve their knowledge in music.

Music treatises were used by prospective composers for their education. Among those treatises, different tendencies could be found: some focus on plainchant, others on composition, others are of a conservative vein, a few are speculative... An insight into these works will reveal the knowledge expected from the 18th-century musician. Besides, these treatises will contribute to a better understanding of the performing practices of the time.

Finally, the so-called *Estudi Públic de Música* was an institution created in the late 18th and early 19th centuries by musicians who formerly worked at the extinct chapel of the Cathedral of Barcelona. This public institution was the precursor of the subsequent music schools created in the city.

Practical exercises: As a practical class assignment, excerpts drawn from 18th-century Hispanic music treatises will be proposed for further analysis. Their study should reveal what a musician of that time had to know to successfully carry out his profession. Besides, studying these theoretical sources should give us insight into how to understand and perform, today, the music of the 18th century. Students will be asked to solve some exercises to deepen their knowledge of the subject.

Compulsory reading: Before the beginning of the sessions, students must have read the article loaded in the subject's *Aula Moodle*.

Prof. Germán Gan Quesada [Part V] (May 25, and June 1, 2023)

György Ligeti on his centenary

In occasion of the centenary of the birth of the Hungarian composer György Ligeti (1923-2006), it will be proposed an approach to his creative path and musical aesthetics in two stages: 1) 1955-1970 [from *Musica ricercata* to the *Chamber Concerto*] ; 2) 1970s-2003 [from *Le Grand Macabre* to the late *Piano Studies*], through the analytical commentary of different compositions and writings by Ligeti.

Organisation of a Round Table (Spring 2023, concrete date to be determined), to present the book *Santos y reliquias* (ed. Alpuerto), edited by the Prof. Maricarmen Gómez Muntané and Eduardo Carrero Santamaría.

Methodology

The theoretical-practical sessions of this subject (4 h each) will be held every Thursday afternoon during the second semester of the academic year 2022/2023 [March 9 - June 1] and will be lead by one of the responsible lecturers. They will require the active involvement of the students and their contents will offer a research approach to musical repertoires from an archival, analytical, theoretical and paleographical viewpoint.

At the beginning of the activities of the subject and of each of its three constitutive parts, it will be provided a short syllabus featuring the specific contents of the sessions, together with an illustrative bibliography, if needed. Likewise, it will be determined the topics of evaluation activities [Individual tasks for parts I and III, and Research Project], supervised by any of the responsible lectures mainly through in-person tutorials.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Attendance/participation to theoretical/practical and assessment sessions	60	2.4	1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 7, 4

Type: Supervised				
Tutorials for the development of the research projects (Oral exposition)	30	1.2	1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 7, 4	
Type: Autonomous				
Reading and commentary of bibliographical sources	50	2	1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 7, 4	
Scores transcription and analysis	37	1.48	1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 7, 4	

Assessment

Assessable activities are as follows:

- Minimum attendance/participation (80%) to the subject sessions, and compulsory attendance/participation to the scheduled round table and concert, excepting exceptional, and duly justified, circumstances.

- Preparation of an individual task (review of an article or book chapter, transcription or analysis exercises) related to Parts I and III of the subject.

- Preparation of a short Research Project, supervised for any lecturer responsible for the subject, in order to be orally exposed [pre-scheduled date: June 15, 2023], according to the general features (length, layout) usual in academic conferences and symposia.

All assessment activities are obligatory and independent. Following the academic schedule established by the Faculty, students may retake assessment activities they have failed or compensate for any they have missed, provided that those they have actually performed account for a minimum of 60% of the subject's final mark, and after discussing this possibility with the lecturer. The highest mark for these retaken activities is 6. When publishing final marks prior to recording them on students' transcripts, the lecturer will provide written notification of a date and time for reviewing assessment activities. Students must arrange reviews in agreement with the lecturer.

In the event of the assessment activities a student has performed accounting for just 30% or less of the subject's final mark, their work will be classified as "not assessable" on their transcript.

IMPORTANT REMARKS

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

In the event that tests or exams cannot be taken onsite, they will be adapted to an online format made available through the UAB's virtual tools (original weighting will be maintained). Homework, activities and class participation will be carried out through forums, wikis and/or discussion on Teams, etc. Lecturers will ensure that students are able to access these virtual tools, or will offer them feasible alternatives.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Attendance and participation - Theoretical and practical sessions	10%	50	2	1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 7, 4
Part I - Individual task	25 %	3	0.12	2, 3, 6, 5, 7, 4
Part III - Individual task	25%	3	0.12	1, 2, 6, 7, 4
Research project	40 %	17	0.68	1, 3, 6, 5, 7

Bibliography

At the beginning of the sessions of each part of the subject, it will be provided specific bibliography/webography complementary references, if needed, for a proper study of their contents.

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