



READING, WRITTING AND LITERACY

Code 653

LEA-SIECE

RESEARCH AREA

Human Sciences
Social Sciences

COORDINATOR

Antonio Castillo Gómez Verónica Sierra Blas

KEY WORDS

Written Culture and
Society, Personal Writings,
The Display of Writing,
Writing and Popular
Memory, Written Culture
and Education, Women
and Written Culture, Books
and Reading, Written
Patrimony, Personal
Archives

AIM

- General and specialized public interested in History and the Humanities
- Publishers and other cultural and creative industries
- The press and other media Archives, libraries and museums
- Centers of learning

CONTACT



siece@uah.es
antonio.castillo@uah.es
veronica.sierra@uah.es
Tlfn: 91 8854186/4428
Dpto. Historia y Filosofía
Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
Calle Colegios, 2, 28801
Alcalá de Henares,
Madrid







ABOUT US

The LEA group focuses its research on the Social History of Written Culture. This subdiscipline studies various past and present societies by focusing on the uses and functions different historical periods assign to reading and writing in the public as well as the private spheres. Within these coordinates our group will focus mainly on the production, transmission, and preservation of all types of written sources (official documents, books and pamphets, letters, memoirs, diaries, inscriptions, graffiti, etc. from the later Middle Ages to the present (15th-21st centuries). Special attention will be devoted to those sources produced by or directed toward the more marginal sectors from a social and historiographic point of view, such as the lower classes, children, and women.

All our research, teaching, and outreach activities will be channeled through our Interdisciplinary Seminar for the Study of Written Culture (SIECE), founded in 2004, which constitutes a privileged space for scientific interchange and the training of our team and its collaborators.

RESEARCH LINES

- Personal Writing (correspondence, memoirs, diaries)
- Publicly Displayed Writing
- Writing, Memory and Archives of Common People
- Gender and Written Culture
- Writing by Children and Students
- Literacy and Education
- Writing and Cultures regarding Death
- Book History and the History of Reading
- Written Patrimony and Museum Studies
- Emotional Communities and Reading/Writing

OFFERED SERVICES

- Academic publications based on research by group members.
- Organization of high-level conferences, seminars and academic events.
- Cultural Management and promotion of research diffusion (exhibitions; publication of books, journals, and catalogues; programs to encourage reading and writing; cultural meetings; contests and prizes; school workshops; guided visits, etc.)
- Scientific advice (exhibitions, cinema, television, social networks)

MARKETABLE RESULTS

