

Samuele Coen – Report HiSoMa March 2024

I have greatly benefited from my research stay at Lyon funded by the 2024 HiSoMa scholarship. When I applied for this grant, in fall 2023, I was nearing the completion of my DPhil in Oxford; this means that I was fully committed to that task, and that I had to temporarily put aside several other ongoing projects. One of them was the first edition of an intriguing set of fragments belonging to the one papyrus belonging to the Leipzig collection, which had been assigned for publication to me and Dr Sylvia Kurowski (Leipzig) in 2021. This papyrus, as I had the opportunity to verify during my stay in Lyon, contains a lexicon of Greek words starting in -α, and displays several similarities and even exact correspondences with later lexica, in particular that of Hesychius (5th / 6th century AD) and the byzantine *Etymologicum Magnum* (12th century AD). It probably belongs to a papyrus codex which I assigned to the 3rd / 4th century AD. This papyrus meets my interests in ancient Greek scholarship on papyrus, which has been the core of my research during my Master's degree (Università di Bologna) and my doctorate (University of Oxford).

Antonio Ricciardetto's great expertise in papyrology and lexicography has provided me with precious help and advice for my work on this complex but intriguing group of fragments. We discussed together several portions of my reconstructed text and other elements, such as its date and its relationship with later sources; Antonio has also been a lovely host at the HiSoMa center, and I thank him heartfully for the very enjoyable time we spent together outside the department. I also wish to thank the spectators of the paper that I delivered on the 27th of March as conclusion of my research stay, in which I presented my preliminary results: in particular, I am grateful to Dr Dan Dana, who took the time to discuss some points with me in private, and therefore enriched my work on the papyrus in view of its publication in the 'P.Lips.' series.

Last but by no means least, given the importance of conducting research in a quiet and enjoyable workplace, I want to spend a few words on my stay at the HiSoMa center and the MOM library, both perfect locations to work fruitfully and within a peaceful environment. This played a vital role in the positive outcome of my research activity in Lyon. My gratitude goes to all staff members, researchers, and professor I had the opportunity to interact with during this month, who made this month enjoyable and productive.

I cannot but highly recommend the HiSoMa scholarship to any prospective young researcher looking for an opportunity to pursue their research in a vibrant and stimulant environment.



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