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Ca' Foscari University of Venice has a national and international outstanding reputation for academic excellence both in teaching and research activities. Founded on 6th August 1868 as the first Italian high learning institution devoted to commerce and economics, it has grown and developed new relevant subject areas.

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Disruptive changes at technological, environmental and economic level are posing major challenges to institutions, firms and their leaders: digital transformation and its multifaceted impact on employment, skills, organizations, or the increasing unequal distribution of resources and future opportunities across different ages, geographical area, social status. These trends are already showing their effects and are posing a great responsibility on management scholars, who have to find adequate theoretical models and methodological approaches for a responsible research, to better understand problems at different levels and illuminate sustainable and ethical solutions.

Doctoral programs in Management and Business Administration play a pivotal role, in developing a pool of young and inspired researchers who could contribute to address these major challenges either as academics or as leaders of research centers, private and public companies or consultant firms. Doctoral programs are thus induced to take steps to become an excellent learning environment to nurture a new generation of researchers, by crossing geographic boundaries through international networking, by creating opportunities for cross-fertilisation between disciplines and by exposing students to industry and public engagement.

How could we build better doctoral programs crossing geographical and cultural boundaries through international collaborations? Which interdisciplinary teaching programs help to develop research projects that could grasp the new phenomena? Which institutions should doctoral programs collaborate with, to enrich the capacity of young scholars to raise the relevance of their research? These are the questions the National Assembly, held by Ca' Foscari University, will address.

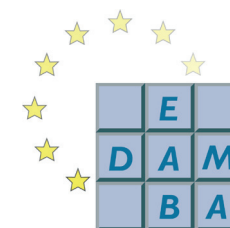
Venice, with the unique environment of the lagoon, its history of openness toward far reaching countries and its bridges connecting art and business within the city, it's a perfect metaphor of the Assembly theme. Participants who belongs to different universities and lead high quality doctoral programs, members of Edamba, will share ideas and experiences, enjoying a spectacular venue. Keynotes speakers, will provide the insights to spark inspiring and fruitful discussions.

Organizers:

EDAMBA
Department of Management,
Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy



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across boundaries**

**August 27-28-29 2017
Venice, Italy**



Sunday 27 August 2017

Welcome
Ca' Foscari University of Venice

7:00 pm
Welcome cocktail at the Ca' Foscari Courtyard



Monday 28 August 2017

Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Ca' Foscari Aula Baratto

9:00 – 9:45
Welcome Address
Michele Bugliesi Rector of Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Francesco Zirpoli Delegate of the Rector for PhD
Anna Comacchio, Coordinator of the PhD Programme in Management

09:45 – 10:30
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Strengthening Doctoral Education to Tackle New Challenges and Cross Boundaries

10:30 – 11:00
Coffee Break and networking

11:00 – 12:15
Discussion session

12:15 – 14:30
Lunch and Ca' Foscari tour

14:30 – 16:00
EDAMBA thesis competition award ceremony and presentation of theses.

16:00 – 17:30
Annual Assembly

17:30 – 17:45
Closing Remarks

20:00 – 23:00
Dinner cruise in Venice lagoon – Departure from Zattere



Tuesday 29 August 2017

Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Ca' Dolfen Aula Magna

09:30 – 10:15
Professor Stefano Brusoni
ETH Zürich
Building doctoral programs across disciplines

10:15 – 11:30
Discussion session

11:30 – 12:30
Professor Dimitris Assimakopoulos
EDAMBA President

12:30 – 13:30
Goodbye Cocktail at Ca' Foscari courtyard

13:30 – 14:30
Guided tour - Scuola Grande di San Rocco

14:30
Departure