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**Research fellowship on *Historical archeology of the first Chinese Middle Age in China and Central Asia* - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22)**

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Description

The Department of Asian and North African Studies at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

Title: Historical archeology of the first Chinese Middle Age in China and Central Asia

SSD/ Scientific Disciplinary Sector: L-OR/20;

Scientific Supervisor: Prof. Tiziana Lippiello – Prof. Sabrina Rastelli

Abstract: In the past 70 years the significance of the Silk Roads has been enriched by a succession of archaeological finds. The study of these objects, usually named 'exotic objects' (bolaipin 舶来品), have become a specialized area of studies in China, the Silk Road archaeology. After the establishment of the 'Belt and Road Initiative' in 2013, Silk Roads studies have reached a new momentum: new archaeological sites have been excavated, museum exhibitions have displayed these findings, academic seminars and the publications are increasing year by year. The research will examine all the 'exotic objects,' including textile, gold and silver, glass, seals, pottery found in China and Central Asia, dating from the end of the Han dynasty (III cent.) to before the Song dynasty (X cent.). Past studies, both foreign and Chinese, have mainly attempted at identifying and discuss the foreign attributes of 'exotic objects.' The research, based on new archeological findings and the use of new technologies, will study these objects and replace them back into their original context. This will allow for a reassessment of their role and the way they circulated within ancient Chinese society.

Knowledge of the following languages is required: English, Chinese.

The fellowship is intended to provide the successful candidate with the opportunity to pursue his/her own research while benefiting from the range of expertise at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a doctoral degree.

Ca' Foscari encourages applications from researchers with positive evaluation in all the criteria in individual proposals such as Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar.

Researchers having successfully completed Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar funded projects are warmly encouraged to apply.

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Duration of contract: 12 months (approximately starting: July, 01, 2020).

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to 19,367,00 Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: April, 24, 2020, 12.00 noon.

How to apply:

Candidates should submit:

1. The application form;
2. A motivation letter (max 1 page) along with their CV in European format, duly dated and signed, both to enclosed as a one single.pdf file. ([link](#));
3. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
4. (If available) A list of their scientific publications and a .pdf copy of the most relevant of them;
5. (If available) Evaluation Summary Reports of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) individual proposals having passed all the evaluation thresholds;
6. (If available) Details of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships, ERC Starting Grants, FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/ SIR Scientific Young Independence Research funded projects;
7. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice [link](#)).

All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website ([link](#)).

How to submit your application

Applications should be submitted by the online procedure, available on the notice webpage ([link](#))

Or submit here: <https://static.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dsaam-lipras-0903202>

The candidate, after the uploading, will receive a submission number and an e-mail acknowledging receipt of his/her application.

The candidate if necessary could access the procedures for updating any data and materials by the link provided by the e-mail, in any case any updates must be made no later than the deadline, April 24, 2020, 12:00 noon.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 24 hours prior to the deadline.

Please note that in case of an high number of applications and / or weight of the materials loaded by the candidates the system might become slower, Therefore it is suggested not to start the process close to the deadline.

NB: the University does not take on responsibility for wrong or late communication of addresses, nor for any communication problem not depending on the University.

Evaluation

Up to 100 points, specifically:

For qualifications, publications and possible tests, from 0 to 60;

For interview, from 0 to 40.

Selection procedure

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the related calendar, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on May, 15, 2020 ([link](#)).

Candidates living farther than 200 Kms from Venice may ask to hold a telematic interview.

Information and contacts

Candidates may find further details about the application process and the research project in the official call published on the following ([link](#))

For further information please contact the Department Research Services Office, tel. +39 041 234 9534 – 9575 email: ricerca.dsaam@unive.it