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**Research fellowship on “Social protection and environmental protection: a new call to action for social workers?”**

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**(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22)**

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### **Description**

The Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

**Title** Social protection and environmental protection: a new call to action for social workers?

**SSD: SPS/07 General sociology. Related disciplinary sector: SPS/04 Political science**

**Abstract:** The worrying effects of climate change are making interventions necessary and urgent for an energy transition that aims to significantly reduce our ecological footprint. On a European scale, the Green Deal recently launched by the EU has started to bring an issue that has remained on the sidelines for too long to the centre of the political agenda. Over the last decade, the inseparable relationship between social policies and environmental policies has also emerged ever more clearly, so much so as to orient a portion of the environmental debate towards issues of eco-social or eco-welfare policies. Through them we want to investigate the possibility of taking on both old and new social risks within increasingly stringent and urgent environmental constraints (Gough 2017; Koch and Mont 2016; Meadowcroft 2005). At the same time, in terms of social work, the perspective of environmental social work came into being and rapidly developed, giving rise to a dense theoretical, methodological and ethical debate around the possibilities of social intervention for the promotion of environmental justice at the individual level, with groups and with the community. Indeed, large-scale research and intervention projects have been formulated around community work and its ability to affect environmental inequalities and environmental health inequalities in the international context. (Ramsay, Boddy, 2017; Erickson, 2018; Rambaree, 2019). According to this perspective, social work aimed at individual and collective well-being, designed to strengthen the social fabric and build more just societies, cannot ignore the search for new social responses for the protection of the natural environment. Environmental changes contribute to reshaping contemporary societies, creating situations of profound risk for humanity, first and foremost for the weakest and most disadvantaged strata of the population today. Globally, nationally and locally, it is essential that environmental justice and social justice are in tune and work harmoniously together, devising tools for environmental sustainability, also and above all in favour of the weaker classes. Affirming that the level of well-being of a community is defined by the environment in which people live, including the natural world in the definition of environment, deeply questions social work as a discipline and profession (Gray, Coates, Hetherington, 2013, Dominelli, 2015, Matthies, Närhi, Ward, 2001): can considering the natural world as a resource for human well-being represent a means of discovering a renewed attitude towards the production of change in social work? How can we adapt existing knowledge in the field of social work to environmental issues? Is it possible to promote a strengthening of theoretical knowledge and different methods of intervention able to work across traditional boundaries and in multiple spaces? What are the values, the reference points consolidated over time to be preserved or rediscovered and what are the new skills required? The research funded by this grant has as its objective an



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international, national and local survey of how social workers, both in the public and third sector, are approaching the challenge posed by the current ecological crisis in terms of policies (eco-welfare) and on the level of social interventions (environmental/eco social work): which questions and which (if any) interventions and modalities of action are we faced with in the world of social work?

The research may be carried out in English.

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 PhD in the field of the Social Sciences.

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.

**Duration of contract:** 12 months (approximately starting: January, 2022).

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to 19.367,00 Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.

**Deadline for submission of applications: November 15<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon (Italian time).**

### 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) 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;
5. (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;
6. Declaration on availability ([link](#)) to hold the interview on line to send by email to the following address: [ricerca.fbc@unive.it](mailto:ricerca.fbc@unive.it);



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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://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dfbc-ar-ecosocialwork-2021>

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 **November, 15<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

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 a 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 and publications, from 0 to 60; For interview, from 0 to 40.

### Selection procedure

The interview will be on **November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10 a.m. (Italian time)**. The interview will be held in remote.

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on **November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021** ([link](#)).

### 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 Research Sector of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage, email: [ricerca.fbc@unive.it](mailto:ricerca.fbc@unive.it)