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**Research fellowship on *Life times, conciliation, and daily life of digitized service workers in the pandemic watershed* - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
(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: “Life times, conciliation, and daily life of digitized service workers in the pandemic watershed”. Scientific Disciplinary Sector and Competition Sector Groups: GENERAL SOCIOLOGY 14/C1 – SPS/07

Scientific Coordinator and tutors: Francesco Della Puppa and Fabio Perocco

Abstract: In recent decades, the labour market went through profound transformations. Specifically, thanks to the rapid development of technologies, there has been a large and progressive expansion of digital work, in all branches of production. This expansion has undergone a formidable acceleration with the Covid-19 pandemic; in fact, there has been a sudden growth of economic sectors and companies that base their main activity on digital technologies or that make extensive use of them to organize the production process and, more generally, work based on the use of technologies and digital tools.

Among the different types and methods of digital work ("smart working", "home working", "remote working", "crowd working", etc.), in the last decade there has been a rapid and strong growth of "work on-demand via app", whose organization takes place through digital platforms which can be accessed through apps that can be consulted from one's smart-phone or other technological devices. A key role in this growth was played by the development of digital platforms, which led to, among other phenomena, an intense and extensive process of "work uberisation".

This expression refers to the transformation of services and continuous work performance, typical of the traditional economy, into "on-demand" activities, that is, carried out only at the request of the individual customer - on the basis of the production organization model systematized by the multinational Uber.

The "work on-demand via app" contemplates the absence of a fixed workplace, continuous mobility (intra-urban and extra-urban) with flexible hours and hetero-controlled modalities: this is the case of taxi drivers like Uber, drivers from shipping companies like Amazon, food delivery riders who work for companies like Uber Eats, Glovo or JustEat. It also entails strong organizational flexibility, ample employment flexibility, flexible working hours, fragmented working times, intense work rhythms, continuous evaluations of work performance. This makes the distinction between working life and private life, between working time for the market and working time for reproduction, increasingly blurred.

The aim of the research is to analyze - through an ethnographic and qualitative survey from a



perspective of everyday life - the sphere of "conciliation" and reproduction, the use of time, of workers in this sector. If the working conditions of this category of workers have been investigated in a fairly broad manner, the dimension of daily life and time is still little studied. The beneficiary of the grant, therefore, will have to conduct an empirical research on the times and spaces of the daily life of digital workers employed in the "work on-demand via app", on their use of time and the relationship with spatiality, and, specifically, on the methods and strategies of conciliation between productive work times and reproductive work times, work for the market and family and care work, on the management of work time, "free" time and for sociality and time "for her/himself", preferably by limiting the investigation to some specific productive and geographical context.

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 **doctoral degree in human and social science** (sociology, anthropology or related disciplines).

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 Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: November, 16th 2021, 12.00 noon - CET.

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 to held the interview in remote ([Link](#)) to be send via email at the following address: ricerca@dfbc@unive.it
 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-tempi-di-vita-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, 16th 2021, 12.00 noon - CET.**

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, publications, from 0 to 60;

For interview, from 0 to 40.

Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on **December 3rd 2021, 2.30 pm – CET.**

The interview will be held in remote only. Further details on how to connect online will be published alongside the convocation notice.



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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 Office of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage, tel. 00-39-041-234-7268 e-mail: ricerca.fbc@unive.it.