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Research fellowship on “Modeling for sustainability discourse analysis”

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(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: “Modeling for sustainability discourse analysis”

Scientific sector: L-LIN/01 and L-OR/21

Scientific supervisor and tutor: Prof. Daniele Brombal e Prof. Patrick Heinrich

Duration: 12 months

Abstract:

This project originates from the acknowledgment that to steer the biosphere away from ‘ghastly futures’ we need to rethink values, mind-sets, and worldviews regulating human interactions with natural ecosystems. The research fellowship intends to contribute to this by advancing knowledge about how language and discourse shape human-nature relationships.

The research fellow will contribute to preparatory work for the development of a sustainability discourse analysis model, part of a broader project on ecolinguistics and environmental humanities. The model will support the characterization of discourses against sustainability paradigms, by indexing textual elements, semantic and pragmatic patterns, and propositional features based on their proximity to different attitudes toward (a) human welfare and (b) environmental sustainability. In consideration of China’s emergent role in the global environmental and climate arena, the framework will be designed to operate on Chinese texts.

The research fellow will be supervised by prof. Daniele Brombal and prof. Patrick Heinrich, working closely with a team of scholars and practitioners in the field of environmental humanities and sustainability. He/she will engage with activities of the Marco Polo Centre for Global Europe-Asia Connections (MaP), which is sponsoring this position.

Our ideal candidate is a linguist with methodological skills working on textual corpora in Chinese language. Important assets for this position include previous experience in interdisciplinary studies and research, as well as a commitment to sustainability transformations.

Who can apply

Candidates are expected to hold at least a master's degree and to have a CV suitable for the requested research activities.

They must be proficient in English and Chinese language. Language proficiency will be verified during the interview.

The interview will focus on the following criteria:



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- Motivations
- Individual contribution to the research project
- Methodological skills applicable to the project
- Research experience, with particular reference to interdisciplinary work
- Work and volunteering experience
- Assessment of knowledge of the English and Chinese language

Ca' Foscari encourages applications from researchers who have received positive evaluation in all the criteria applicable to funding programs, 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 (start: January, 01st, 2022).

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

Deadline for submission of applications: November, 22nd, 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) 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 participate in the interview remotely ([link](#)) to be send via email at the following address: ricerca.dsaam@unive.it;
 7. For all documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure please, see the notice ([link](#)).
 8. Publications in electronic format (max 5 plus MA or phd thesis)
- All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website ([link](#)).

How to submit your application

Applications should be submitted through the online procedure:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/22112021-2-dsaam>

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, 22nd, 2021, 12 noon.

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



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to the deadline.

Please note the possibility that a high number of applications and / or large file sizes among the documents uploaded by the candidates into the system could result in the slowing of the online procedure. Therefore it is suggested to begin the process as soon as possible and not wait to start the process immediately before 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 CV and publications, from 0 to 60;

For interview, from 0 to 40.

Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on **November, 26th, 2021 at 3 PM** via Zoom video conference.

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, and the link for the interview will be published on the University's webpage within November, 24th, 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 email: ricerca.dsaam@unive.it.