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Research fellowship on “Wine culture in Gandhara: historical-lexical research in Indian and Iranian sources”, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)

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Description

The Department of Humanities at Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici dell'Università Ca' Foscari Venezia) invites applications for a fellowship in: **“Wine culture in Gandhara: historical-lexical research in Indian and Iranian sources”**, Academic discipline: L-ANT/02 Greek History, L-OR/14 Iranian philology, religions and history, L-OR/17 Indian and Central Asian philosophy, religions and history, L-OR/18 Indology and Tibetology, tutor prof. Claudia Antonetti, within the project SPIN 2021 “Social, ritual and ceremonial use of wine in the Gandharan area, from the Achaemenids to the Kushans” - P.I. prof. Claudia Antonetti - CUP: H75F21001820005.

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.

Abstract

A study in the long period, from Achaemenid to Kushan rule (VI BC-III AD), of the changes, overlapping and métissage of cultures in the Gandharan area through the spectrum of the food culture (here specifically, of wine) in a multicultural perspective.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold:

- a PhD in the historical-linguistic field in (ancient) oriental languages and civilizations;
- a suitable professional scientific curriculum;
- certified specific knowledge: Indo-Aryan and Iranian languages.

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: 1st April 2022).

Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is **19.367,00** Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 10th March 2022, h. 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 to held the interview in remote ([Link](#)) to be send via email at the following address;
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/dsu-5-2022>

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 **10th March 2022, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 9th March 2022, h. 1.00 p.m. (Italian time).

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 the interview, from 0 to 40.

Candidates are admitted to the interview if assessment of the qualifications and the possible tests results in a score equal to or greater than 42/60.

The following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:

- a) Publications (list);
- b) Specialization diplomas, attendance of post-graduate specialization courses, obtained both in Italy and abroad (with certificates);
- c) Documented research activity in public and private entities with a contract, research grants, scholarships, or positions both in Italy and abroad;
- d) Certified language skills: fluent English;
- e) Participation in seminars and conferences in the field of research;
- f) Computer skills (especially in the use of relational databases).

The interview aims to assess the candidates' skills and expertise on the following subjects:

- a good training in the ancient Iranian and Indic languages;
- familiarity with the classical world (Greek-Latin);



- knowledge or ability to orient oneself in the documentation in one or more languages of the Iranian area (ancient Persian, Middle Persian, Bactrian, Sogdian etc.) and Indian (Sanskrit and Prakrit);
- analytical skills that must not be limited to the philological aspect but also include the historical and archaeological field.

It will be essential to demonstrate a multidisciplinary approach to research as the documentary dossiers to be analyzed will have to be compared with others from different linguistic and cultural horizons.

At the end of his/her research activity, the research fellow is required to provide the Department with:

- Research in the main ancient documentary dossiers (VI BC - III AD) in Indian and Iranian languages for passages and citations relating to viticulture, the use of wine and forms of commensality, in any context;
- Analysis of the passages, historical and ethnographic contextualization, specific bibliographic research, commentary, translation into Italian and English of the texts, insertion in a dedicated database;
- Comparison with documentary dossiers in other languages and writing systems (also in translation, e.g. Persepolis Archives, Avroman Scrolls, documents in Aramaic from Bactria and Parthian Nysa, Akkadian documentation from Mesopotamia); the comparison will obviously also take place with the Greek and Latin documentation whose analysis will be entrusted to another research fellow with whom a fruitful collaboration will have to be established;
- Comparison with the archaeological documentation of Gandharan origin (bibliographic information will be provided by the scholars participating in the project);
- Organization of a general conference on the subject and of working seminars of the research group.

The work can be done remotely, but a periodic (monthly) personal discussion in Venice with the project coordinator is required

Selection procedure

The interview will be held on **18th March 2022, h. 11 a.m.** The interview will be held in remote (with Google Meet).

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on **14th March 2022** ([link](#)).

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 Department of Humanities - Research Office, e-mail: ricerca.dsu@unive.it