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Research fellowship on “Jews and Colonialism: the Italian case” - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
(Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)

The present document in English is to be considered as merely a summary of the main provisions of the notice of competition, which is available in Italian at the following ([link](#)). The text in Italian is considered to be the official text of the notice of competition for all legal intents and purposes and, therefore, the Italian text is definitive in the event that there is a discrepancy between the Italian and English versions.

Description

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

Title: Jews and Colonialism: the Italian case

Scientific sector: L-OR/08

Scientific supervisor and tutor: Prof.ssa Marcella Simoni and Dott. Dario Miccoli

Duration: 12 months

Abstract: If colonial legacies are not a new research interest in anthropology, it is nevertheless important to recognize how in recent years anthropologists have engaged more and more in exploring the various ways the colonial (and the pre-colonial) past is negotiated, contested, reinvented, forgotten or denied in our contemporary societies. In Jewish Studies as well, the “colonial question” is attracting more and more the interest of scholars, working in particular in the field of Sephardi and Mizrahi Studies, that deal with the history, culture and traditions of North African and Middle Eastern Jews, both in their countries of origin and in their countries of resettlement.

At the intersection of Jewish, Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, the project will focus on the Italian case by asking: where are the Jews in Italian colonial history? And where is colonialism in Italian Jewish history? Over the last decades, scholars of Italian Colonial and Postcolonial Studies elaborated new insights into how the Italian national discourse and identity developed across time and space and unveiled the long repercussions of colonialism in shaping contemporary Mediterranean imaginaries. The project will enrich this debate, by exploring imaginaries about colonialism and empire from the point of view of Jews in Italy and Jews in the Italian colonies (for example Libya and Eritrea) in the long twentieth century.

The grantee should demonstrate a previous knowledge of contemporary Jewish history and Mediterranean history and should be able to work with primary sources in Hebrew, French, English and German (in addition to Italian), contributing to the Department's research agenda in the fields of Jewish Studies from a transcultural and interdisciplinary perspective.

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. Research activities must be carried out in English.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a doctoral degree and to have a suitable professional CV for the requested research activities. They are expected to be proficient in Italian, English, French, German and Hebrew.

The interview will focus on:

- history of Jews from Arab countries;
- history of Italian Colonialism;
- contemporary history of Middle East and North Africa;



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- Jewish history and culture
- Assessment of knowledge of Italian language for foreign candidates
- Assessment of knowledge of English, French, German and Hebrew for foreign candidates

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

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

Deadline for submission of applications: June, 06th, 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](#)).

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/06062022dsaam>

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 June, 06th 2022, 12 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 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



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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

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on **June, 21st, 2022 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 June, 15th, 2022 ([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.