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Research fellowship on “Ethnography of the knowledge and practices for the management of the tick-human-environment relationship in Slovenia”, Academic discipline: M-DEA/01– Demology, ethnology and anthropology, duration 12 months, tutor Dr. Deborah Nadal, - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)

The present document in English is to be considered as a mere summary of the main provisions of the notice of competition which is available in Italian at the following ([link](#)) The text in Italian is the official text of the notice of competition for all legal intents and purposes and, in the event of non-conformity with the present document, it shall prevail.

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: “**Ethnography of the knowledge and practices for the management of the tick-human-environment relationship in Slovenia**”, Academic discipline: M-DEA/01– Demology, ethnology and anthropology, duration 12 months, tutor Dr Deborah Nadal, within the project “A Multispecies Ethnography of Human-Animal-Environment Assemblages for Tick-Borne Disease Prevention in Italy and Slovenia”, acronym “MULTIBODI”, financed by Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR), Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 1.2 “Finanziamento di progetti presentati da giovani ricercatori” (CUP: H73C22001350001 – Project Code: MSCA_0000030), researcher Dr. Deborah Nadal

Abstract: This community-based participatory research project in northern Slovenia explores the knowledge, experiences, perplexities and expectations of local populations about the possibility of managing the coexistence with ticks through the integrated “One Health” approach. In collaboration with Dr. Nadal, the research fellow will conduct original ethnographic research in some areas of Gorenjska and, marginally, in Ljubljana. They will analyze the textual and visual materials collected to identify and systematize the knowledge, practices and perspectives related to the different ways of mitigating the risks represented by the presence of ticks in the territory. Finally, they will organize and conduct two community juries. Excellent knowledge of the Slovenian language and the ability to work in the field in a team and independently are required. In addition to preparing their research for publication, the research fellow will participate in the dissemination activities of the results of the MULTIBODI project.

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 Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

This research project aims at building a participatory, One Health-centred, interdisciplinary, intersectoral conversation, informed by ethnography, on multispecies community-based strategies for LD and TBE prevention in the Gorenjska region in Northern Slovenia. This region lies on the Southern border of the area of Central Europe where LD and TBE have the highest incidence in Europe. Even though TBE vaccination has been promoted in Slovenia since 1986, vaccination coverage remains very low.

The specific objectives are:

- 1) To map and extend – while doing fieldwork – the diverse network of stakeholders, across different institutions, disciplines, sections of society, and geographical scales (local, national and European), interested in joining this paradigm shift;
- 2) To untangle the local, context-specific socio-economic-ecological complexities of disease transmission through the collection of qualitative data on the experience, knowledge, and perspectives of local people on how to cope with, and reduce, the risk of tick-borne diseases in humans and animals;
- 3) To share and discuss the knowledge co-produced in the first two phases through four community juries aimed at developing a One Health community-based strategy for LD and TBE prevention.

The proposed methodology is:

For objective 1) stakeholder mapping + rapid review of academic, institutional, and grey literature on One Health-inspired LD and TBE prevention;

For objective 2) semi-structured interviews with stakeholders + vignette-based focus groups with community-based interest groups at the local level + qualitative survey + observation of current tick-related management



practices;

For objective 3) community juries.

MULTIBODI merges theories and practices from applied anthropology, medical anthropology and multispecies ethnography, and is inspired by posthuman studies on human-animal-environmental assemblages and the principles of active citizenship and community-based participatory research.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a **Master of Arts in Cultural anthropology, Human geography, Social history, Master of Science in Environmental sciences, Social epidemiology or Human ecology or similar degree obtained abroad and should have a suitable scientific-professional curriculum, in which the excellent knowledge of the Slovenian language must be declared and demonstrated.**

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 August 2023)

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

Deadline for submission of applications: 7th July 2023, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

How to apply:

Candidates shall 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](#)); a declaration must be appended in the footnote of the curriculum, pursuant to the Italian DPR 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions, that the information provided corresponds to the truth. Moreover the candidates have to consent to the use of their personal data for the purposes of this selection procedure pursuant to the Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003 and to the EU Regulations 2016/679;
3. The attachments called "obligations and understanding" and "participation and compatibility";
4. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice - [link](#));
5. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
6. (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;
7. (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;
8. Declaration on availability to held the interview in remote ([Link](#)) to be send via email at the following address: ricerca.dsu@unive.it (email object: Research Fellowship on "Ethnography of the knowledge and practices for the management of the tick-human-environment relationship in Slovenia – "MULTIBODI" project)



All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website ([link](#)).

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

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/2023-dsu-ar-5>

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 on **7th July 2023, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 6th July 2023 (h. 1 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 interview, from 0 to 40.

The following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:

- a) holding a PhD or having completed the attendance of a PhD programme, although not having yet obtained the PhD title;
- b) documented research activity in public and private entities with contracts, research grants, scholarships or assignments both in Italy and abroad, with particular reference to study or research experience in Slovenia;
- c) specialisation diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialisation courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad;
- d) a list of publications and the electronic submission of a maximum of 3 publications (in PDF format), on research topics related to the subject of the project, which will be evaluated by the commission;
- e) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5 of the competition available in Italian ([link](#));
- f) any other element provided for the announcement, to the articles 2, 3 and 5 of the competition available in Italian ([link](#)).

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

- Knowledge of ethnographic research methods, with particular reference to multispecies ethnography
- Knowledge of community-based participatory research methods
- Knowledge of the English language

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

- 25 interviews with local community members, local stakeholders and national stakeholders audio-recorded,



transcribed and translated into English;

- 10 focus groups video-recorded, transcribed and translated into English;
- 200 in-person and online survey responses collected and translated into English;
- notes and photographs organized, transcribed and translated into English;
- Qualitative data analysis report compiled in English;
- 2 community juries audio-recorded, transcribed and translated into English;
- community juries report compiled in English.

Selection procedure

The interview will be **on 13 July 2023, h. 10.00 a.m.** (Italian time). 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 10 July 2023** ([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 Department of Humanities - Research Office, e-mail: ricerca.dsu@unive.it (email object: Research Fellowship on "Ethnography of the knowledge and practices for the management of the tick-human-environment relationship in Slovenia – "MULTIBODI" project").