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**Research fellowship on “Religious Discourse and Communal Living in Ancient Anatolia” - 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: “**Religious Discourse and Communal Living in Ancient Anatolia**”, Academic discipline: L-OR/04 Anatolian Studies, duration 36 months, tutor Dr. Annick Payne, financed by the ERC COG project “CAncAn - Communication in Ancient Anatolia”, Grant Agreement n. 101088363, CUP: H73C23000170006, Principal Investigator Dr. Annick Payne.

**Abstract:** The researcher will study text sources from and on Ancient Anatolia for their information on religious practices (e.g. deities, worship, taboo), specifically texts from and on the Lydians, Phrygians and Luwians. The scientific goal of studying religious discourse is to gain new data for understanding the contribution of religion to identity formation, utilizing both internal and external perspective. Texts studied will be added to a shared project database, and findings on sacred spaces, religious artefacts and inscriptions visualized on maps, so that results can be related to political and linguistic entities. The researcher will exchange with project colleagues, in particular on the aspects of the political and linguistic situation. This research will illuminate separating and unifying forces of religious practices, and determine their dependence on the cultural context. Processes of identity formation will be made visible. The research will be carried out in English.

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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.

#### Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold **a PhD in one of the following fields: Ancient History, Classics, Ancient Near Eastern languages, Comparative Philology, Linguistics and should have a suitable scientific / professional track record.**

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:** 36 months (approximately starting: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023)

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to **85,500 Euros**, including taxes and social charges.

**Deadline for submission of applications: 14<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto:ricerca.dsu@unive.it)

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-9>

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 **14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 13<sup>th</sup> September 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) list of publications on research topics related to the subject of the project;
- b) electronic submission of a minimum of 3 articles pertaining to any of the following relevant topics: Hittite, Luwian, Lydian, Phrygian material culture, history and languages; Anatolia in the 1st Millennium BC; History of Anatolian Studies; Indo-European linguistics;
- c) knowledge of Anatolian languages (attested through either courses taken or relevant publications);



- d) specialisation diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialization courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad, documented research activity in public and private organisations with contracts, study grants or assignments both in Italy and abroad;
- 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 Ancient Anatolian history and languages of the Bronze and Iron Ages;
- familiarity with text corpora from and concerning Ancient Anatolia;
- familiarity with Ancient Near Eastern religion;
- knowledge of spoken English (interview to be held in English).

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

- min. 2 papers accepted for publication per year, resulting from the work detailed below: Analysis of text sources for religious practices (e.g. deities, worship, taboo); mapping of sacred spaces, religious artefacts and inscriptions; relate findings to political/linguistic entities; identification of separating/unifying forces of religious practices; determination of dependence on cultural context; visualization of processes of identity formation;

- min. 1 contribution to co-authored articles resulting from project work per year.

### Selection procedure

The interview will be **on 25 September 2023, h. 2.00 p.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 20 September 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](mailto:ricerca.dsu@unive.it) (email object: Research Fellowship on "**Discorso religioso e vita comunitaria nell'antica Anatolia**" – ERC "CAncAn" project)