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**Research fellowship on “Korean religious studies in modern and contemporary Korea”
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: “Korean religious studies in modern and contemporary Korea”

Scientific sector: L-OR/20

Scientific supervisor and tutor: Dott.ssa Hyojin Lee

Duration: 22 months

Abstract:

The project is part of the PRIN project "Making Korea a Religiously Plural Society? Historical, Legal, and Social Approaches", conducted by the Department of African and Mediterranean Asian Studies (DSAAM) jointly with the unit of research at the University of Turin.

“Korea is a department store of religion.” No more correct expression than this to describe the religious practice in South Korea. According to the survey in 2009, there were 288 religious bodies including Buddhism, Christianity, Cheondogyo, and 38 other religions. How did Korea become such a religious plural society, according to their understanding, “peacefully”? It is often believed that religions have been separated from society and politics in modern society and have remained as a personal sphere with modernization. Ulrich Beck questioned these conventional theories of Marx, Weber, and Durkheim; In his two monographs, *Risk Society* and *A God of One's Own*, he posits religion as an agent of modernization in the world risk society. Religions are not fading out with modernization but the shapes and existence of religions keep changing with it. The bilateral movements of religions and societies are now progressing from the West to the East and vice versa. Having these trends in our minds, our project will examine how religions tangled and co-existed with Korean society historically, socially, and legally.

The candidate will be asked to carry out an analysis of the evolution of one or more fields related to the Korean religion in Korea, ideally from the early 20th century to the present, including but not limited to Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, folk religion, new religions, intellectual history, Korean philosophy or/and thought etc. We also welcome scholars engaged in diverse academic methodologies, including transcultural research. The successful applicant will work for the current PRIN (Progetti di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale) project “Making Korea a Religiously Plural Society? Historical, Legal, and Social Approaches” (in cooperation with the University of Turin).

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.

The interview will focus on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of Korean history, society and religion, in the areas relevant to the project
- Methodological skills, applicable to the specific topics of the research project, planning of activities and analysis of investigation perspectives in the field described by the project



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- Assessment of knowledge of English and Korean language for all the candidates;
- Assessment of knowledge of Italian language, if possessed

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: 22 months (approx. start: November, 01st, 2023).

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

Deadline for submission of applications: September 22nd, 2023, 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

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 through the online procedure:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/22092023dsaam>

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 **September, 22nd, 2023, 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



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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 **October, 3rd, 2023 at 10.00 AM** 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 September, 28th, 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 email: ricerca.dsaam@unive.it.