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Research fellowship on Habits in (Time of) Crisis (HiToC). Conceptual Tools for Dealing with Disruptive Events – Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22)

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Description

The Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship financed by the Project "Habits in (Time of) Crisis (HiToC). Conceptual Tools for Dealing with Disruptive Events" (code: 20224MFWHC), Programme PRIN 2022, Principal Investigator prof. Marco Piazza Università Roma Tre, manager of the project for the Department prof. Roberta Dreon, CUP: H53D23006610006, in:

Title: Habits in (Time of) Crisis (HiToC). Conceptual Tools for Dealing with Disruptive Events

Scientific area /field: M/FIL-04 (Aesthetics) e M/FIL-05 (Philosophy and theory of language)

Tutor: prof. Roberta Dreon

Duration: 12 months

Abstract: The HiToC project aims to look at the phenomenon of habits by means of a pluralistic approach from the epistemological and methodological standpoints, with the goal of contributing to the elaboration of a model for understanding the dynamics of habits transformation in times of crisis that can be exported to various research contexts. This will be possible thanks to a transdisciplinary investigation at the crossroads between history of philosophy, history of science, philosophy of mind, anthropological knowledge, aesthetics, philosophy of language, and sociolinguistics. Specifically, starting from the philosophical and historical analysis of habits in critical situations, the HiToC project intends to investigate the dynamics underlying their formation, disruption and maintenance in order to develop conceptual and practical-diagnostic tools for dealing with future critical situations. The investigation, which also relies on the analysis of sudden and traumatic natural catastrophic events, will try to better explain the reversibility of automatic and involuntary processes of habits in crisis situations and, at the same time, the phenomena of inertial resistance that habits manifest in both individual and social dimensions, causing them to be dysfunctional in terms of well-being of people. To this purpose, the investigation will take into account the neurosciences' findings within a gradualistic view of the unconscious, carrying out a research in various directions and through a plurality of methodologies, concerning in particular the sensory-motor, affective and linguistic aspects engendered by a crisis in habitual behaviour and consequently eliciting the revision of previous habits. Furthermore, the analysis will investigate the role of linguistic habits in the development of the idea of what is normal and what is the norm, namely what it means to follow a rule, as well as what happens when previous linguistic uses are impeded, re-oriented and re-shaped by critical changes in the context. On the grammatical level, an attempt will be made to quantify phenomena such as the increase in frequency of the future tense, which is associated with the hope of exiting the crisis. The investigation will lead to the creation of models and conceptual tools for managing habit changes in times of crisis, through the creation of a



linguistic corpus useful to outline and circumscribe the processes of changing habits. Furthermore, through the establishment and start-up of an Inter-University Research Centre on Philosophies of Habits, the project aims to provide a permanent observatory on habits in times of crisis by promoting, developing, and coordinating studies and research in the field of philosophy of habits, with reference to all the various disciplines involved (philosophy, psychology, history, anthropology, sociology, neuroscience, linguistics) and with a focus on both historical and theoretical aspects, as well as their applicative implications.

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 Università Ca' Foscari Venezia.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a PhD in Philosophy, or related disciplines.

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: **October 17th 2023**)

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to 21.750,00 Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: September 22nd 2023 at 12.00 noon.

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 sent via email at the following address: ricerca.fbc@unive.it
9. The possession of a PhD, with the date on which it was obtained and the University where the course was held. Candidates must also submit a copy of the foreign title with a translation in Italian or English language including marks obtained, accompanied by a self-declaration relating to the conformity to the original of the translation itself;
10. Declaration to fulfil the additional evaluation criteria listed in art. 5 according the scheme “preferential criteria”;
11. A list of the candidate’s scientific publications;
12. A copy, in PDF format, of no. 3 scientific publications, attached to the application form;

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 at the following link:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dfbc-ar-prin-2022-dreon>

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 at 12.00 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 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.



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Evaluation

Up to 100 points, specifically:

For qualifications, publications and possible tests, from 0 to 60;

For the interview, from 0 to 40.

Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on **October 5th 2023 at 10 a.m. (italian time) via Zoom**.

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the related calendar, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on **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 contact the Research Office of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage by email: ricerca.fbc@unive.it.