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**Research fellowship on “Migration and its Impacts on EU. The Southern Caucasus case”
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
(Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)**

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Description

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

Title: “Migration and its Impacts on EU. The Southern Caucasus case”

Scientific sector: SPS/14

Scientific supervisor and tutor: Prof. Aldo Ferrari

Duration: 20 months

Abstract:

The project fits within the scope of a wider research project aiming at the interdisciplinary investigation of global triggers and challenges of migration, through the lenses of recent developments in the EU and in its Eastern neighborhood.

In this framework, by framing migration both as a contested site where borders and boundaries are constantly renegotiated and as a testing ground for national, international and transnational solidarities, the project critically examines discourses, practices and policies of migration created by relevant institutional, political and social actors in the Southern Caucasus. Accordingly, the project will implement an analysis of various phenomena of migration also from the point of view of their impact on territorial and social cohesion.

The project will be focusing upon two main research questions. First, it aims at investigating how solidarity and reciprocity inform and influence practice in mobility, diasporic, trans-national and trans-border contexts at the EU's Eastern borders. Accordingly, the project will be focusing on diaspora politics and transnationalism, specifically on the current state of diaspora politics in the Southern Caucasus, that is, the recent trends resulting from the Southern Caucasus Republics' political engagement with and activation of kin communities abroad. Secondly, the project aims at investigating how migration trends, citizenship policies, and nation-building processes in their multiple intersections affect territorial and social cohesion. Accordingly, it will be focusing on the trends, the reasons behind, and repercussions of, the latest migration flows from/to the Southern Caucasus, with particular reference to their impact at social, security and institutional levels.

The sources that will be accessed in order to achieve the purposes of the research are a combination of the following types: a) analysis of policies as embedded in official documents and legislation; b) papers, programs, and official statements of political parties across EU and neighboring countries; c) media debates regarding migration dynamics. The methodology is interdisciplinary in scope, for it proposes to analyze the above-mentioned sources without the commitment to a single discipline's traditional instruments. The variety of sources, in fact, will require the interaction of methods such as data analysis; critical discourse analysis; political comparative analysis; qualitative interviews and contextual interpretation.

The project is part of the PRIN project "DIMEast - DIVERSITY AND IMPACTS OF MIGRATION AT THE EU'S EASTERN BORDERS. Territorial Cohesion, Solidarity and Security as Global Challenges in the Western Balkans, the Eastern Partnership and the Russian Federation", conducted jointly by the Department of Asian and North African Studies (DSAAM) and the research units at the University of Bologna and Trieste.



Who can apply

Candidates must hold a doctoral degree and have a CV suitable for the requested research activities.

The interview will focus on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of the political and socio-economic dynamics of the geographical area of this research
- Knowledge of the dynamics of migrations regarding the Southern Caucasus
- Assessment of knowledge for non-native speakers of spoken and written Italian language, at C2 proficiency qualification level

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: 20 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: October 6th, 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. For all documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure please, see the notice ([link](#)).
7. Short-list of publications

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

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/06102023dsaam>

How to submit your application

Applications should be submitted through the online procedure.

The candidate, after the uploading, will receive a submission number and an e-mail acknowledging receipt of



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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 **October, 6th, 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 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, 20th, 2023 at 03.00 PM** via Zoom video conference.

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage within October, 13th, 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.