



**Research fellowship on “The Transnational Mobilization on Behalf of Political Prisoners in the Soviet Union (1918-1939 ca.) ” - Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22 and subsequent amendments and additions)**

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: “**The Transnational Mobilization on Behalf of Political Prisoners in the Soviet Union (1918-1939 ca.)**”, Academic discipline: **M-STO/04 Contemporary history**, duration 12 months, tutor Prof. Elena BACCHIN, financed by the PRIN 2022 project “Political Repression and International SOLidarity Networks (PRISON). The Transnational Mobilization on Behalf of Political Prisoners in the Interwar Period (1918-1939 ca.)” (codice progetto 2022XBMWZ3), CUP: H53D23000370006, Principal Investigator Prof. Elena BACCHIN.

**Abstract:** PRISON seeks to fill the gap in the history of the transnational mobilization and solidarity on behalf of foreign political prisoners in the interwar period. It argues that political inmates were active players in, and a topic of concern for, the international community and contributed to shaping the political debate, the definition of legal tools and a specific form of humanitarianism. In the context of interwar internationalism, humanitarian associations and political committees intervened on behalf of foreign political prisoners. Within the communist world, different entities emerged from the beginning of the 1920s and after the rise to power of Nazism in Germany. The research, through an investigation of primary and secondary sources, will focus in particular on International Red Aid for Revolutionary Fighters, known in Russian as MOPR, and Soviet mobilization on behalf of foreign political prisoners, as well as international reactions towards Soviet repression of political dissidents.

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.

#### Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold **a PhD and a suitable scientific CV, in which knowledge of the Russian language must be declared.**

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 (approximate starting date: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023).

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to **30,000 Euros**, including taxes and social charges.

**Deadline for submission of applications: 13<sup>th</sup> October 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) (email object: Research Fellowship on "The Transnational Mobilization on Behalf of Political Prisoners in the Soviet Union (1918-1939 ca.) project" – PRIN 2022 BACCHIN\_1 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-14>

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

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 12<sup>th</sup> October 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;



- b) electronic submission of 3 publications (in PDF format);
- c) one signed reference letter;
- d) specialization diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialization courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad, documented research activity in public and private organizations with contracts, study grants or assignments both in Italy and abroad;
- e) linguistic certifications;
- f) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5 of the competition available in Italian ([link](#));
- g) 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 the English language (the interview will take place in English);
- General knowledge of Russian history and the interwar period;
- Basic knowledge of the secondary literature on the topic and of possible primary sources to be analysed.

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

- **Collection of primary sources for the project;**
- **Active participation in the PRISON project (participation in internal workshops and publications of the project);**
- **Participation in national or international workshops and conferences.**

#### Selection procedure

The interview will be **on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** The interview will be held in remote on Zoom. The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on 20<sup>th</sup> October 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 "The Transnational Mobilization on Behalf of Political Prisoners in the Soviet Union (1918-1939 ca.) project" – PRIN 2022 BACCHIN\_1 project).