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Research fellowship on “The theoretical debate on *The Ethical Turn*” - 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 theoretical debate on *The Ethical Turn*”**, Academic discipline: L-FIL-LET/14 Literary criticism and comparative literature, duration 15 months, tutor Dr. Domenico Cangiano, financed by the PRIN 2022 project “Obscene Freedom. Libertinism and Radical Enlightenment in Contemporary Fiction and Imagery” (codice progetto 20228Z92FK), CUP: H53D23006690006, Head of Unit Dr. Domenico Cangiano.

Abstract: The research is part of the PRIN project titled “Obscene Freedom. Libertinism and Radical Enlightenment in Contemporary Fiction and Imagery”, a project aimed at analyzing the role of the libertine and radical tradition of the Enlightenment in contemporary literature, and in contraposition to the so-called *Ethical Turn*.

Ca' Foscari research unit will focus on the most theoretical side of the project, analyzing both the critical and public debate. We will take into consideration not only the English-speaking area but also the Italian (Siti, Raimo, Murgia, etc.) and French contexts (recently Macron labeled political correctness as a “non-French thought”).

The goal is to realize an accurate and methodologically precise map of the positions of the numerous contexts in order to better understand the effects of the ethical turn on the fortune of libertinism and the radical Enlightenment in contemporary literature and current imaginaries.

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 / 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: 15 months (approximate starting date: 1st December 2023)

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **24,208.75 Euros**, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 20th 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;

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/accesso/2023-dsu-ar-18>

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 **20th October 2023, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 19th 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) 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;
- c) Documented organization of seminars and events (for example symposiums) organized in academia (the organization of a bimonthly series of seminars will be one of the main duties of the winner of the postdoc).



- d) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5 of the competition available in Italian ([link](#));
- e) 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:

- Excellent knowledge of the debates on *the Ethical Turn* and on *the Culture Wars*;
- Good knowledge of contemporary Western literature;
- Knowledge of the English language.

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

- A final report on the activities carried out, highlighting the achievements.
- A "research history" that, written in a non-specialist language and enriched by pictures of the activities carried out, show the results achieved and can be used for disseminating the research topic.
- Dissemination of the results achieved, also through public presentations.

Selection procedure

The interview will be **on 15th November 2023, h. 10:00 a.m., at Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Palazzo Malcanton Marcorà, room D02 at 3rd floor - Dorsoduro 3484/D, 30123 Venezia.**

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on 27th 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 (email object: Research Fellowship on "The theoretical debate on *The Ethical Turn*" – PRIN 2022 CANGIANO project).