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**Research fellowship on Literary California 1884-2022: Spaces of Exception, Spaces of Disaster - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia**  
(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22 and subsequent amendments and additions)

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### Description

The Department of Linguistic and Comparative Cultural studies at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

Title: Literary California 1884-2022: Spaces of Exception, Spaces of Disaster

Scientific area: L-LIN/11

### Abstract:

Through different approaches to the literary text (cultural studies, critical race studies, new western studies), the project aims to investigate those representations of California that view the state as a 'space of disaster'. Historically, California has embodied an ultimate destination of the American Dream and has circulated, both nationally and globally, as a Mediterranean Eden that escapes its social, environmental, and racial conflicts; yet, California has also been a site of factual disasters and of suspension of civil society, of human and environmental rights. While a significant portion of the critical literature reads the discourse about the Golden State as a direct byproduct of American exceptionalism, this project aims to examine buried memories in order to rethink questions of human, spatial, and environmental justice. It aims to do so by uncovering, in the region's literary and cultural archives, how California has been consistently represented alternately as a "space of exception" and/or a "space of disaster". Particular attention will be given to environmental disaster and the representation of California's nature as non-Edenic.

Part of the research will 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 doctoral degree in Anglistics and Americanistics, or related disciplines. Preferred fields of specialization are American Studies.

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: 01/01/2024).

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

**Deadline for submission of applications: 25/10/2023, 12.00 noon.**

### How to apply:

Candidates shall submit:

1. The application form;

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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. Two signed reference letters;

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/slcc-prin2022-bordin>

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 **25/10/2023, 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 a 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.

### Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on 13/11/2023 at 14.30 in the office of Prof. Elisa Bordin at Ca' Bernardo - Dorsoduro 3199, Calle Bernardo, 30123 Venice.

### 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 Chiara Donnarumma tel. 041-2347804, email: [ricerca.dslcc@unive.it](mailto:ricerca.dslcc@unive.it)