



Research fellowship on “Towards a history of Italian antisemitism (1870-2022). Rhetorics, narratives, “conspiracies”

Department of Humanities 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 invites applications for a fellowship in: “**Towards a history of Italian antisemitism (1870-2022). Rhetorics, narratives, “conspiracies”**”, Academic discipline: M-STO/04 Contemporary History, duration 22 months, tutor Prof. Simon LEVIS SULLAM, financed by the PRIN 2022 PNRR project ““P20225YKM8 - Towards a history of Italian antisemitism (1870-2022) Rhetorics, narratives, “conspiracies””, CUP: H53D23010160001, Principal Investigator Prof. Simon LEVIS SULLAM.

Abstract

This research project aims at writing a history of antisemitism in Italy, from the country's unification until today. It examines in particular the rhetorics of anti-Jewish discourse, identifying its main components: catholic, racist, economic, conspirationist etc. It analyzes its narratives, based on the premise that antisemitism is constructed on recurring narrative schemes. It focuses especially on conspiracy theories.

We will consider especially those historical moments in which Jews were seen as a menace in terms of national allegiance, religious and moral behavior, supposed economic role, “racial” difference, real or imagined political role. The project will consider especially the role of Catholic antisemitism and its transformation from religious to political and social hostility, and as a vast layer of prejudice: possibly a sort of “social knowledge”.

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.

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a **PhD in History and a suitable scientific / professional curriculum**.

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: 21 months (approximate starting date: march 2024)

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **49,649.72 Euros**, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 19th January 2024, 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 (email object: Research Fellowship on "Towards a history of Italian antisemitism (1870-2022). Rhetorics, narratives, "conspiracies"" – PRIN 2022 PNRR LEVIS SULLAM 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-50>
by inserting their Italian Tax Code.

Foreign citizens not yet in possession of the Italian Tax Code can use the following link:
<https://apps.unive.it/utills/cf> to obtain a temporary one and be able to proceed with the request.

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 **19th January 2024, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University will be closed from December 27th to January 2nd for Christmas holidays.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 18th January 2024 (h. 1 p.m. Italian time).

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.

The following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:

- a) list of publications;
- b) electronic submission of a minimum of 2 (two) articles in national or international peer-reviewed journals on the history of antisemitism and/or racism in Italy and/or Europe (in PDF format);

- c) electronic submission of a maximum of 2 (two) monographs on the history of antisemitism in Italy and/or in Europe in the modern period (or devoted to strictly related topics): a preferred topic will be the history of anti-Judaism and of Catholic antisemitism, as a relevant expression the political and cultural tradition of antisemitism in Italy (in PDF format);
- 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, devoted to historical sources or documents on the history of antisemitism and racism in Italy and/or Europe in the Nineteenth and the Twentieth centuries.
- e) documented knowledge of European languages (in particular French or German);
- 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:

- History and historiography on antisemitism in Italy and/or Europe in the Nineteenth and the Twentieth centuries;
- Knowledge of English;
- For foreign applicants, knowledge of Italian language which is necessary for consulting the main sources of the project.

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

- 2 articles (or 1 article and one chapter in a volume), in national or international peer-reviewed journals or volumes.
- the participation in a collected volume in English, in open-access format, which will bring to a close the project
- the participation in dissemination projects as described by the research project, such as public lectures, and the production of a podcast or other public history projects related to the themes of the research project

Selection procedure

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 **29 January 2024** ([link](#)).

The interview will be held in remote with Google Meet.

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 "Towards a history of Italian antisemitism (1870-2022). Rhetorics, narratives, "conspiracies"" – PRIN 2022 PNRR LEVIS SULLAM project).