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**Research fellowship on (Psycho)Logical Primitives: Linguistic and Cognitive dimensions - 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: (Psycho)Logical Primitives: Linguistic and Cognitive dimensions
- Cod. SSD e/o settore concorsuale (vd. DM 639/2024): GLOT-01/A, PSIC-02/A
- Cod. GSD (vd. DM 639/2024): 10/GLOT-01, 11/PSIC-02

**Abstract:**

We propose to explore the hypothesis that basic logical primitives of reasoning are available pre-verbally, and percolate into language and communication as determinants of the spontaneous logicity of language. This investigation raises a main problem. The problem concerns the relation between preverbal logical thought and language. We pack our thoughts into sentences that can be expressed with words, including many words with logical valence. But what does language do to these concepts? Does it ground them or does it express them? We hypothesize that when children around two years of age fail with certain logical operators, this is not due to conceptual limitations, but to the complex relationship between logical operators and their expressions in natural languages. To clarify this relationship, we will use cross-linguistic behavioral studies and neuroimaging to identify the distinctive behavioral and neural traits of early forms of logical reasoning and how they interact with the acquisition of different languages (Italian, English). We will start by focusing on adults. Once these distinctive traits are understood, we will study the interface between pre-logical forms of reasoning and language in the early stages of language acquisition.

**Project:**

“(Psycho)Logical Primitives: Social and Cognitive dimensions (PLPS)” - finanziato dall'Unione Europea – Next-GenerationEU - PIANO NAZIONALE DI RIPRESA E RESILIENZA (PNRR) – MISSIONE 4 COMPONENTE 2, INVESTIMENTO 1.1 Fondo per il Programma Nazionale di Ricerca e Progetti di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN) - CUP H53D23004100006.

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 Università Ca' Foscari Venezia.

**Who can apply**

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a Master's degree in Linguistics (class LM-39), and/or in Psychology (class LM-51), or related disciplines.

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: September 1, 2024).

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to 24,320 Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.

**Deadline for submission of applications: July 18, 2024, 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. Declaration of availability to hold the interview in remote ([Link](#)) to be sent via email at the following address: [ricerca.dslcc@unive.it](mailto:ricerca.dslcc@unive.it)
7. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice [link](#)).

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

#### 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-mantovan-psico>

**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, may 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 **July 18, 2024, 12.00 noon CET**.

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 July 30, 2024 at 9.30 CET.

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on July 23, 2024 ([link](#)).

The interview will be held in remote only. Further details on how to connect online will be published alongside the convocation notice.

### **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)