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**Research fellowship on “Women’s history during the Cold War in transnational perspective with a specific focus on archival collections in India” - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)**

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: **“Women’s history during the Cold War in transnational perspective with a specific focus on archival collections in India”**, Academic discipline: HIST-03/A Contemporary History, area Cod. GSD (vd. DM 639/2024) - 11/HIST-03, duration 24 months, tutor Prof. Chiara Bonfiglioli, financed by the ERC COG project “WO-NAM - Women and Non-Alignment in the Cold War era: biographical and intersectional perspectives”, Grant Agreement n. 101088489, CUP: H73C23000940006, Principal Investigator Prof. Chiara Bonfiglioli.

**Abstract:** The fellowship focuses on women’s history in transnational perspective with a specific focus on archival collections in India. The fellowship will be developed within the framework of the WO-NAM project, funded by an ERC Consolidator Grant and led by PI Prof. Chiara Bonfiglioli. WO-NAM addresses the history of women’s participation in the Non-Aligned Movement during the Cold War era, studying the roles of female leaders, women’s movements and women’s organizations. Bringing together women’s and gender history, global history, and intellectual history, WO-NAM will draw on rich and diverse archival collections on women’s activism in its focus on the case studies of Yugoslavia, Egypt, Tunisia, India, and Cuba, as well as on video-interviews with some of the protagonists of these events. The project also includes a survey of existing archival collections in the United States, related to the history of women’s internationalism during the Cold War. The fellow will work closely with the PI, Prof. Chiara Bonfiglioli, primarily to conduct archival research in India, notably exploring the Avabai Women’s Archive at SNDT Women’s University in Mumbai, dedicated to Avabai Wadia’s collections, to reconstruct transnational connections between activists during the Cold War. The fellow will also contribute to the project website, database and social media, and to the overall development of the project.

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 in one of the following fields: Contemporary History, Asian History, History of International Relations, Gender Studies or other related areas, and should have 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:** 24 months (approximately starting: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024)

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to **59.780 Euros**, including taxes and social charges.

**Deadline for submission of applications:** **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).**



### How to apply:

Candidates shall submit:

1. The application form;
1. A motivation letter 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;
2. The attachments called "obligations and understanding" and "participation and compatibility";
3. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice - [link](#));
4. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
5. (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;
6. (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;
7. 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)

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/2024-dsu-ar-08>

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 **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**. Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until **1<sup>st</sup> August 2024** (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) Proven research experience in Indian archives;
- b) List of publications;
- c) Specialization diplomas and certificates of attendance of post-graduate specialization courses, obtained both in Italy and abroad, carrying out of documented research activities at public and private entities with contracts, research grants, scholarships or assignments both in Italy and abroad;
- 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:

- Research knowledge of women's and gender history;
- Research knowledge of Cold War history;
- Knowledge of English, with specific reference to the themes of the call;
- Knowledge of Hindi, with specific reference to the themes of the call

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

- One multi-author peer-reviewed publication together with the PI;
- One peer reviewed publication;
- Two presentations at international conferences;
- Insertion of 5 entries in the WO-NAM database.

### Selection procedure

The interview will be **on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, h. 1:00 p.m. (Italian time)** The interview will be held in remote with Google Meet.

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on **9<sup>th</sup> August 2024** ([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 **"Women's history during the Cold War in transnational perspective with a specific focus on archival collections in India"** – ERC "WO-NAM" project).