

## Research fellowship on *Care and Covid-19: changes in social and spatial inequalities* –

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 Philosophy and Cultural Heritage at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship financed by the Project "Social and Spatial Inequalities Under Pressure (So Spln UP). Individual Life Courses in context during the Covid-19 Pandemic." (code: 2022K9RP5Y), Programme PRIN 2022, manager of the project for the Department prof. Barbara Da Roit, CUP: H53D23005880006, in:

**Title** Care and Covid-19: changes in social and spatial inequalities

**SSD:** GSPS-05/A (General sociology)

**Cod. GSD (vd. DM 639/2024):** 14/GSPS-05

**Tutor:** prof. Barbara Da Roit

**Duration:** 12 months

**Abstract:** The project addresses how COVID-19 affected the exchange of monetary and non-monetary support and care across Italian households. In EU countries, the vast majority of individuals are embedded in a tight network of social relations and exchanges which are key in providing support against social risks related to the participation in the labour market, to making families and facing poor health and disabilities. The COVID-19 emergency has called upon these networks, while social distancing measures have undermined support across households. In turn, these very relations are pivotal in buffering the effects of the crisis or in making individuals more vulnerable. These processes are particularly important in a society like the Italian one, characterised by scant formal services for the care and support of children, older people and other dependent people, and heavily relying on family solidarity (Saraceno & Keck 2010; Bertogg et al. 2021). Informal support provided across households and generations tends to be more intense, less voluntary and less widespread: fewer individuals take up a greater support burden and individuals in need of support tend to rely on a smaller network of often overburdened helpers (Brandt et al. 2009). Moreover, recent years have shown the rise of market solutions, especially in eldercare, which complement informal care resources and commodify care relations (Le Bihan et al. 2019, Bertogg et al. 2021). It is well known that the availability of formal support varies across and within regions due to different degrees and modes of development of social policies (Da Roit et al, 2019). Less is known about the variation of informal and market support. Against this background, the pandemic may have impacted the sense of security and wellbeing of both those receiving help and those providing it, but in unequal ways, along gender, class and geographical lines. The project aims to: - identify changes in "caregiving careers" at the outbreak of the pandemic: to determine the extent to which and for whom the pandemic has stopped, changed or boosted caregiving, and link these events to the subjective wellbeing of the caregivers; - analyse the economic (monetary and non-monetary) support provided and received by households and changes that occurred at the outbreak of the pandemic; - elicit patterns of solidarity during the first lockdown and analyse how they relate to

households' levels of (social, health and economic) needs and resources. After performing a systematic literature review and formulating specific hypotheses, the project will model (changing) patterns of solidarity and support across households before, during and after the pandemic based on the data of the nationally representative retrospective and longitudinal panel survey ITA.LI merged with data at the census-block level collected by ISTAT in 2021 and relevant administrative data.

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 the field of Economic Sciences or Statistical Sciences or Demography Sciences or Political Sciences or Social Sciences or Psychological Sciences 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: **October 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**)

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to **21.500,00** Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.

**Deadline for submission of applications:** **September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 12.00 noon (Rome CET)**

### 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.fbc@unive.it](mailto:ricerca.fbc@unive.it)
9. (If available) the possession of a PhD, with the date on which it was obtained and the University where the course was held. Candidates must also submit a copy of the foreign title with a translation in Italian or English language including marks obtained, accompanied by a self-declaration relating to the conformity to the original of the translation itself;
10. Declaration to fulfil the additional evaluation criteria listed in art. 5 according the scheme “preferential criteria”;
11. A list of the candidate’s scientific publications;
12. A copy, in PDF format, of no. 3 scientific publications, attached to the application form;
13. No. 1 reference letter, signed.

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 at the following link:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dfbc-ar-prin-2022-daroit-cinque>

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, **September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 12.00 noon (Rome 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 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 and publications, from 0 to 60;

For the interview, from 0 to 40.

## Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for the interview on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Rome CET) via Zoom.**

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 **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 the Research Office of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage by email: [ricerca.fbc@unive.it](mailto:ricerca.fbc@unive.it).