Research fellowship on "*Ethnography of a territory of archaeological inquiry: the Kurdish-Iraqi piedmont*" – Department of Humanities Ca' Foscari University of Venice

(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22 and subsequent amendments and additions)

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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: **"Ethnography of a territory of archaeological inquiry: the Kurdish-Iraqi piedmont"** - **SDEA-01/A Demoethnoanthropological Sciences, Cod. GSD 11/SDEA-01 (vd. DM 639/2024),** duration 12 months, tutor Prof. Francesco VACCHIANO, co-tutor Prof. Cristina TONGHINI, financed by PRIN 2022 PNRR - Missione 4 "Istruzione e Ricerca" del Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza ed in particolare la componente C2 – investimento 1.1, Fondo per il Programma Nazionale di Ricerca e Progetti di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN) project: "P2022MBJ3C - Community Archaeology of Endangered Agropastoral Landscapes of Upper Mesopotamia (CArE)", CUP: H53D23010260001, Principal Investigator Prof. Cristina TONGHINI.

Abstract: The research framed by this grant is part of the Prin project 2022PNRR CArE, a multidisciplinary research programme that combines archaeology and cultural and social anthropology to the study of the agro-pastoral landscape of a large foothill strip located in the autonomous region of Iraqi Kurdistan. To this end, the research fellow's activities, conducted under the supervision of a senior researcher, will concern:
- a mapping of the region and the social and religious communities that inhabit it;
- a survey of agricultural and pastoral practices in the concerned area, including data on techniques, technologies of the past and the present, land ownership, use and ownership of water, marketing methods, economics of agriculture and forms of sociality that characterize the rural life (e.g. ritual calendar, festivals, agricultural cycle, roles, kinship structures, etc.);
- the production of a database documenting past and present agricultural techniques;
- the study of the impact of archaeological studies on local communities, analysing the relationship between archaeologists and local inhabitants, the resistance to archaeological excavations, the possibilities of new participatory approaches;
- data analysis and interpretation.

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 master's degree in Social and cultural anthropology (preferential) or Master Degree in Social Science-related disciplines and 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: 12 months (approximate starting date: 1st November 2024)

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **23.182 euros**, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 7th October 2024, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

How to apply:

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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 sent via email at the following address: ricerca.dsu@unive.it (email object: Research Fellowship on "Ethnography of a territory of archaeological inquiry: the Kurdish-Iraqi piedmont" – PRIN 2022 PNRR TONGHINI 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/2024-dsu-ar-13 **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/utils/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 update must be made no later than the deadline on **7th October 2024, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.
Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 4th October 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) a PhD, or the completion of a PhD course pending graduation;

b) list of publications on research topics;

c) Certificates and diplomas of attendance of postgraduate specialisation courses, obtained in Italy or abroad;

d) any documented research activity carried out with public or private institutions in Italy or abroad through contracts, research grants, scholarships, or other assignments;

e) certifications and other qualifying titles for the purposes of the research to be realized attesting ethnographic work, possibly in the Middle East or in non-European countries;

f) advanced oral and written proficiency in English;

g) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5 of the competition available in Italian (**link**);

h) 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:

- Knowledge of ethnographic research and previous topics of research;
- Knowledge of ethnographic research on agriculture;
- experiences of interdisciplinary and teamwork;
- language skills in English;

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

- Trimestral reports with detailed research data
- Database documenting past and present agricultural techniques

Selection procedure

The interview will be **on 17th October 2024, h. 11:00 a.m.** The interview will be held in remote with Zoom.
The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on 14th October 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 (email object: Research Fellowship on "Ethnography of a territory of archaeological inquiry: the Kurdish-Iraqi piedmont" – PRIN 2022 PNRR TONGHINI project).