

# DOTTORATO DI INTERESSE NAZIONALE IN STUDI RELIGIOSI

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## Descrizione del progetto formativo della borsa di dottorato

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Since the Industrial Revolution, the world economy has seen unprecedented growth. In the meantime, the exploitation of forests, rivers, oceans, and mineral resources, as well as excessive pollution and unrestrained emission of greenhouse gas have led to worldwide pollution, land subsidence, global warming, sea level rise, and extreme weather. In addition to the climate crisis, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction seem to point to the dharma-ending age (mofa 末法) described in Buddhist scriptures. In this context, we look for proposals that study Buddhism's claims that it may possess unique insights to address these urgent global challenges, thanks to its doctrines regarding interconnectedness and the causes and effects of things.

- Buddhist Responses to the Environmental Crisis
- Buddhist Responses to Climate Change
- Buddhism and environmental ethics
- Buddhism and ecojustice
- Buddhist cosmology
- Buddhism, social inequality and resource management
- Buddhism, LALIA, resilience and agriculture in the Swat area
- The agricultural crisis and the decline of Buddhist communities in Swat and the surrounding regions
- Buddhist eschatology
- Buddhist eschatology and extreme weather in East Asia
- Impacts of climate change on Buddhist practices
- Buddhism and the rights of nature
- Buddhism and water in a changing climate
- Buddhism and animals in a changing climate
- Buddhism and the anthropocene
- Buddhism and climate change in a historical perspective
- Buddhism and climate change in a comparative perspective
- Buddhism, climate and East Asian societies
- Buddhism, climate and South East Asian Societies
- Buddhist perspectives on strategies for countering climate change
- Buddhism and biodiversity
- Buddhism and environmental peacebuilding

The scholarship will be offered to candidates that respond to the key requisites of the PNRR framework (environmental sustainability, sustainable development, equal opportunity and access to people with (dis)abilities) supported by Ca' Foscari University and the Department of Asian and North African Studies in collaboration with

Ubiliber, the publishing company of the Unione Buddhista Italiana. In particular, PHD candidates are expected to work to a high standard of language fluency in one or more Asian languages as well as English for academic purposes. The scholarship will include a minimum of six month textual and/or fieldwork training in collaboration with Ubiliber and Unione Buddhista Italiana, and a minimum of six months to eighteen months training in a designated site outside of Italy, conducting fieldwork or research with a host university or other relevant institution. The University upholds the principles and practices of “Open science” e “FAIR Data”.

**Buddhism and the Environment: Historical and Modern Case Studies**

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