Call for Doctoral positions in the Doctoral Programme in “European Cultures. Environment, Contexts, Histories, Arts, Ideas”
Academic Year 2015-16 (31st cycle)

N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector’s Decree n. 173 of 27th March 2015 is legally binding, the English version is provided for information only

THE RECTOR

Considering Law n. 210 of 3 July 1998, and in particular art. 4, as modified by art. 19, par. 1 of Law n. 240 of 30 December 2010;
Considering Ministerial Decree n. 45 of 8 February 2013 regarding the rules and procures for the accreditation of Doctoral Programmes and the criteria for their institution by accredited bodies, in particular art. 3;
Considering the Decree of the Council of Ministers President of 9 April 2001 and subsequent amendments and integrations, which determine the criteria for guaranteeing equal access to third level education;
Considering the Statute of the University of Trento, approved by Rector's Decree n. 167 of 23 April 2012, and in particular art. 28;
Considering the Trento University Regulations for Doctoral Courses, approved by Rector’s Decree n. 383 of 4 July 2013 and subsequently amended by Rector’s Decree n. 160 of 18 March 2014;
Considering the report by the Internal Evaluation Unit of 12 December 2013 related to the pre-requisites for the proposed Doctoral Courses;
Considering the resolution approved by the Academic Senate on 26 November 2014;
Considering that, with Decree n. 687 of August 20, 2014, the Ministry granted, starting from the cycle activated for A.Y. 2014-2015, the accreditation for the Doctoral Programme in “European Cultures. Environment, Contexts, Histories, Arts, Ideas”;
Considering the operative instructions on the 2015-2016 AY PhD Programmes’ accreditation process, announced with Ministry note of March 13, 2015;
In consideration of the resolution of the Academic Senate on March 25, 2015, the University of Trento, taking into account the time required to allow for international recruitment, has decided not to delay issuing the calls and their relative selection procedures;

STATES

Art. 1 – INSTITUTION

The University of Trento announces for the academic year 2015/2016 the 31st cycle of the Doctoral Programme in “European Cultures. Environment, Contexts, Histories, Arts, Ideas”, in co-operation with University of Innsbruck (Austria) and the Polytechnic Institute of Tomar (Portugal).

Places: n. 8
Scholarships: n. 8 (all funded by the University of Trento)

In accordance with art. 20, part 3 of the University Regulations regarding PhD Programmes, the Admission Committee can admit one candidate more than provided for in the initial number of available places announced.

Deadline for application: 7 May 2015, 16:00 Italian time.

Duration: 3 years

Coordinator: prof. Diego E. Angelucci – Ph. +39 0461 282700 - email: diego.angelucci@unitn.it
Official language of the School: Italian

Start of the Academic Year: 1 November 2015

PhD Programme Webpage: http://web.unitn.it/lettere/35958/il-corso-di-dottorato


Specialized curricula:
1) Philosophy. Research lines: Ethical, pedagogical and political models; Philosophy of nature; Political theology; Dialogical philosophy; Applied aesthetics.
2) Cultural Heritage. Research lines: Rituality and representation; Research on cultural heritage. From conservation to protection; History of local territories and forms of the environment; Devotional forms and sites; Images of politics.
3) History. Research lines: Identities: from ancient times to the modern era; Forms of memory both written and oral; Community, family structure and conflicts in the medieval and modern ages; Administrative, military and government structures in European empires; Wars and conflicts in European history.

Research Areas:

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The number of places covered by scholarships and/or by internship contracts and by other potential financial support may be augmented with funds from other universities, public research bodies or prestigious private companies, made available after the publication of this announcement and before the end of the selection. Any increase in the number of scholarships or other means of financial support shall result in a corresponding increase in the total number of available places. Such occurrence will be communicated on line, and nowhere else, at http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1962/announcement-of-selection.

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for admission to the PhD Programme described in the previous article, are accepted from candidates, regardless of gender, age, religion or nationality, who hold an Italian “Laurea Magistrale” (Master’s Degree) according to Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22 October 2004, or a university degree awarded under the previous regulations, or a second level degree awarded by an Italian “AFAM” Institute (Artistic and Musical Higher Education), or an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad and considered suitable by the Admission Committee.

Applications are also accepted from candidates who expect to obtain their degree/equivalent qualification abroad, by 7 May 2015. In such case applicants must attach the following:
- a certificate of enrolment with a list of the examinations successfully passed, dates and marks obtained in
each examination. EU citizens who will obtain their degree from a public academic institution of the member countries of the European Union may provide a self-declaration as allowed for by the Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28 December 2000, using Form A;
- a statement by their thesis supervisor or other academic supervisor declaring that the student will obtain the degree by 7 May 2015.
In these cases, the candidate’s admission to the course will be subject to confirmation. The candidate shall provide the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (fax n. +39 0461 282191 – email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it), upon penalty of exclusion, with a certificate attesting to their qualification (EU citizens who obtain their degree from a public academic institution of the member countries of the European Union may provide a self-declaration as allowed for by the Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28 December 2000, using Form A) by 14 May 2015.

Art. 3 – FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

Foreign qualifications must be equivalent to the Laurea magistrale (Master’s Degree), in terms of duration, level and subject area1. The Admission Committee will determine their eligibility.
Candidates who hold a foreign academic qualification which has not been declared equivalent2 to an Italian degree, shall implicitly request that the eligibility of their qualification be recognized as part of their online application, attaching the following documents:
- certificate of the foreign academic qualification with the list of examinations, dates and related marks (EU citizens who have obtained their degree from a public academic institution of the member countries of the European Union may provide a self-declaration as allowed for by the Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28 December 2000, using the Form A);
- translation into English of the degree certificate with exams, grades obtained signed by the applicant, to enable the Admission Committee to declare its equivalence, for the sole purpose of admission to the selection process for this 31st cycle;
- any other document which may be useful to evaluate the admissibility of the academic qualification for participation in the selection process (Diploma Supplement3 or Declaration of value4).

Successful applicants holding a foreign qualification must present the following documents to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities, by 30 September 2015, by fax +39 0461 282191, or email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it:
- The Declaration of Value5, with the certificate of the foreign degree listing examinations and grades, translated and validated by the Italian Diplomatic mission or consulate in the country where the issuing institution is located. The Declaration of Value shall certify both that the foreign qualification is valid in the country where the issuing institution is located and that it grants access to an academic course equivalent to the PhD (third level of higher education as established in the Bologna Process – European Higher Education Area);
- alternatively, a Diploma Supplement can be provided, in English. It must be in the format established by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES.

The eligibility of a foreign academic degree will be assessed by the Admission Committee, following the rules in force or the academic degrees’ recognition international treaties. At web page http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1962/announcement-of-selection will be available the ID candidates list whose academic degree has been considered not eligible for the admission selection by the Admission Committee. Candidates are strongly recommended to take careful note of the application ID generated by the system

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1 For further information on the Italian university system visit http://www.study-in-italy.it/study/new-degrees.html
2 For further information on the Italian university system visit http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=134
3 The Diploma Supplement accompanies a higher education diploma, providing an improvement in international “transparency” and a promotion of the academic and professional qualifications obtained (diploma, degrees, certificates, etc.). The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution that issued the qualification. Further information at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/diploma-supplement_en.html.
5 Should the Declaration of Value not be available by the given deadline, the candidate has to produce evidence of the request to the Diplomatic mission. The candidate has to provide the original Declaration of Value as soon as available.
once they have finished their online application. The list of non admitted candidates to the selection procedure will be available at web page http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1962/announcement-of-selection and should be considered as official notification.

Art. 4 – THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The research topics of the Doctoral Course cover the fields of philosophy, history and cultural heritage under a European perspective which refers to Europe as a macro-regional context and a historic-cultural horizon. Teaching and research activities of the Course are focused on developing wide methodological and interdisciplinary skills. PhD students are expected to reach full reliability and autonomy in their research work, to acquire specialized skills and to add new inputs to the Department's lines of research.

Specialized curricula

The variety of methodological approaches of the Course are represented by three specialized curricula, that will enable the PhD students to go deeper into specific research fields, in the frame of a single scientific community.

**Philosophy.** The object of analysis of this specialized curriculum concerns the origins – ancient, medieval and modern – of European philosophical thought, considered along a number of axes: logical-linguistic, ethical-practical-educational, technical-scientific and aesthetic. Focus will also be placed on the diverse religions of Europe as constitutive elements of the heritage common to the diverse range of European identities.

**History.** Central to the course will be the formation and development of European identities within a comparative perspective, from Greek and Roman civilization up to the present day. Particular attention will be devoted to the historical and historiographical relationship with the German-speaking world, to the building of traditions and of historical memory, and to the evolution of administrative, military and governmental structures of European regions.

**Cultural Heritage.** The fields of research encompass the multi-faceted cultural heritage within European geographical and environmental space through the study of archaeological evidence, products of art and music, theatre history, documents and archives.

Teaching Programme

The teaching plan includes educational and research activities for a total of 180 credits: 120 credits are assigned to research activities and 60 credits to educational activities. PhD students acquire the credits assigned to research activities by writing their doctoral theses (90 credits) and by taking part to scientific conferences and workshops (30 credits), while they acquire credits assigned to educational activities by attending seminars and lectures organized by the Course or by other scientific and educational institutions, and by attending conferences and workshops organized by the University of Trento or by other Universities. PhD students will carry out part of their studies at a foreign University or research institution on the basis of specific projects approved by the PhD Programme Committee and by the tutors.

Each teaching activity will be endorsed according to the PhD student participation and to achievement of educational objectives. Educational activities will be certified and reported on the "student portfolio" by the PhD students and regularly verified by their tutors. The activities organized by other scientific and educational institutions must be approved beforehand by the Coordinator, if their duration is up to six months, or by the Doctoral Course Committee, if their duration is more than six months.

Educational activities are organized as follows:

**First year (teaching activities: 50 credits).** The PhD students will attend: (a) methodological courses and lectures organized within their Specialized Curriculum, and reported in the Career Plan Programme ("Manifesto degli Studi"); (b) seminars organized by other Specialized Curricula, and reported in the Career Plan Programme; (c) seminars, conferences and round-tables organized by the Department or by other institutions. Out of the 50 credits, 20 are assigned for the activities indicated at points (a) and 30 are assigned for the activities at points (b) and (c). The tutor will verify that the PhD student, in the course of the first year of the teaching plan, has acquired the necessary credits and has attended educational activities for
at least 100 hours teaching. During the first year, the PhD students will have to define their research project and begin their thesis work as well.

**Second year (teaching activities: 10 credits).** The PhD students will attend interdisciplinary seminars and lectures organized by the Doctoral Course and by other institutions. The PhD students’ major activity, in the course of the second year, will consist in developing the research project, under the supervision of the tutor.

**Third year.** During the third year, the PhD students will attend methodological seminars in order to help them in editing their doctoral thesis and will write their thesis, under the supervision of their tutors.

**Admission to the following year**
Admission to the following year must be approved by the PhD Programme Committee, once the student's tutor has verified that the PhD student has attended all required educational activities and signed the student portfolio, and once the student portfolio has been verified by the Responsible of the Specialized Curriculum the PhD student belongs to. In order to be admitted to the following year, the PhD students must have acquired at least 2/3 of the credits provided for their Doctoral Programme, unless the PhD Programme Committee has allowed them a special dispensation (for example in order to make it possible for them to stay for a longer time abroad and carry out research activities).

**Art. 5 – APPLICATION**

The application must be submitted online, in two stages:
- candidates first need to register on the University website ([http://www.unitn.it/en/account](http://www.unitn.it/en/account)) to obtain a username and password to access the UniTn reserved area. Candidates should allow up to 2 working days for their registration to be processed;
- they then need to complete the online application and to upload all the required attachments, using the link [http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott](http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott).

Participation in the selection process is subject to the payment of a non–reimbursable **application fee of €15.00**, by credit card, as indicated in the appropriate section of the application online (‘Application fee’).

The deadline for submission of the online application is **7 May 2015, 16:00** Italian time. Candidates are recommended to check that they have received an email confirming that their application has been successfully completed and submitted. The University of Trento refuses any responsibility for all those application online not properly closed by candidates.

Candidates are strongly recommended to submit early applications and not to wait until the last minute. The University shall not be held responsible for any dysfunction due to technical problems and/or overloading of lines of communication and/or of the OS, for the loss of communications due to incorrect address details or candidates’ failures to communicate eventual changes of address, or for any other problems or delays caused by third parties, unexpected occurrences or unforeseeable circumstances. **Incomplete or irregular applications, or applications transmitted in ways other than those set out in this article, shall not be considered valid.**

The application is, in law, a self-declaration of the personal details and information provided.

Candidates will be considered totally responsible of their applications. Incomplete or irregular applications, or applications transmitted in ways other than those set out in this article, shall not be considered valid and candidates.

At web page [http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1962/announcement-of-selection](http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1962/announcement-of-selection) will be published the ID candidates list not admitted to the selection. No personal note will be sent to excluded candidates, the online list will be the only official information.

The University of Trento is entitled to sample-check such requirements, as per art. 71 and, subsequently, Law n. 445 of 28 December 2000. Candidates whose application is discovered not to meet the admission criteria, may be excluded at any time. They will be given written notice to this effect, including an explanation of the decision.
In accordance with Law 104/92, art. 20 and Law 68/99, art. 16, paragraph 1, disabled candidates, or those with learning disabilities, must explicitly request, in their online application, any necessary additional equipment or time they require to undertake the selection procedure. All personal data will be treated in accordance with the privacy criteria set out by the Legislative Decree 196/03, “Code about personal information privacy”.

Candidates can apply only for one of the 3 curricula proposed by the Doctoral Course.

**OBLIGATORY ATTACHMENTS** (candidates will be excluded from the selection process if one or more of the obligatory attachments are missing):

1. **ID document:** Copy of ID card (for EU citizens) or passport, in particular of the pages that include the picture, personal details, number, date and place of issue, expiry date;

2. **Academic documents:**
   - for candidates holding an Italian qualification:
     Self-declaration using the self-declaration form, as per art. 46 of the Law n. 445 of 28 December 2000 and subsequent amendments (drafted using the Form A), stating that the candidate holds the academic qualification (art. 2 of this announcement), the degree classification, the degree date, the issuing university, the final grade, the list of examination, dates and marks attained;
   - for candidates holding a foreign qualification:
     An academic certificate with the list of examinations, dates and marks attained or equivalent certification, as per art. 3 of this announcement. If the academic qualification has not been officially recognised as equivalent\(^6\) to an Italian qualification, an English translation of the certificate (if not in English already) with the list of exams, dates and marks attained must be provided. The candidate has to sign the translation, thus vouching for its accuracy. Alternatively, a translation of the degree certificate and grade transcript, validated by an Italian embassy or consular representative in the country where the issuing university is located, together with the Declaration of Value, can be provided. This will allow the Admission Committee to evaluate the eligibility of the certificate, for the sole purpose of participation in this admissions process. Candidates are strongly advised to attach the Diploma Supplement\(^7\) or an equivalent document, if available.
   - for candidates who have not yet obtained their degree/equivalent foreign qualification and who are therefore only provisionally admitted:
     - their enrolment certificate listing exams taken, dates and marks attained (EU citizens who obtain their degree from a public academic institution of the member countries of the European Union may provide a self-declaration as allowed for by the Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28 December 2000, using Form A);
     - a letter signed by their thesis supervisor stating that the candidate will obtain their academic title by 7 May 2015.

3. **summary of the final dissertation** (written in English or French for foreign applicants) explaining the choice of the subject, the research methodology and the results obtained (max 16,000 characters, including spaces);


5. **research proposal:** candidate must submit only one research proposal. The subject of the research proposal must deal with one of the research lines of the Doctoral course (see art. 4 of this announcement) and be consistent with the research areas listed within art. 1 of this announcement.

   The research proposal must be drawn up according to the following scheme:

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\(^7\) The Diploma Supplement accompanies a higher education diploma, providing an improvement in international “transparency” and a promotion of the academic and professional qualifications obtained (diploma, degrees, certificates, etc.). The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution that issued the qualification. Further information at: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/diploma-supplement_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/diploma-supplement_en.htm)
• title;
• aims of the project (max 400 characters, including spaces);
• originality of the candidate’s project compared to the current status of the research in the chosen field (max 6,000 characters, including spaces);
• methodology and timing of the research (max 2,000 characters, including spaces);
• essential and annotated bibliography (max 6,000 characters, including spaces).

It is also possible to write:
• activities the candidate would like to realize on the subject (e.g. seminars, research, meetings – max 1,000 characters, including spaces);
• foreign Universities/Institutes where the candidate plans to spend a research period and Italian or foreign professors/experts the candidate would be inviting for seminars or involving as supervisors in the Doctoral activities (max 1,000 characters, including spaces).

OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:
• publications, if any, with the related list; publications must be submitted in electronic format through the online application;
• any certificate ascertaining a minimum level of CEFR8 B2 in a language among English, French, German, or Spanish (Italian is an option only for applicants with a different mother tongue);
• other documents useful to attest the candidate’s ability to do research (documents about awards, academic activity and post-graduate research; certificate concerning scholarships, etc.).

If candidates intend to integrate their documents after the complete closing of the online application procedure, they are required to deliver the additional documents by May 7th, 2015 (16:00 Italian time) to the following email address: ateneo@unitn.it (please state in the email subject: “Application ID – Candidate’s Surname and first name – Doctoral course in European Cultures. Environment, Contexts, Histories, Arts, Ideas – 31st cycle – Integration to the application”). Additional documents which are delivered according to different modalities shall not be accepted.

Art. 6 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection process is designed to assess the candidate’s basic knowledge and aptitude towards research in the chosen specific scientific area.

The selection consists of:
- assessment of curriculum vitae and qualifications according to Art. 5;
- evaluation of the research proposal;
- oral exam.

The Admissions Committee can assign each candidate a total of 100 points as follows:
- 20 points for the assessment of curriculum vitae and qualifications;
- 30 points for the evaluation of the research project;
- 50 points for the oral examination.

In order to be admitted to the oral examination candidates must reach a minimum score of 30 after the assessment of qualifications and research project.

The assessment of the qualifications will be available on the web page:

The chosen candidates will be listed using their application ID.
Candidates are therefore requested to take careful note of the application ID generated by the system once they have finished their online application.

In case of additional scholarships funded by other organisations and reserved for research on a specific topic, candidates who intend to compete for those, should send their request to the Admission Committee before the oral examination. In such case, their knowledge on the specific topic of the scholarships will be evaluated during the oral test.

The oral examination will focus on:
- the applicant's knowledge of the subject of the research proposal;
- the evaluation of the following language skills:
  - for applicants who have attached to the application the certificate ascertaining a minimum level of CEFR B2 in a second language among English, French, German, or Spanish, active and passive knowledge of Italian, and passive knowledge of at least another language among English, French, German, Spanish other than the language certified will be assessed;
  - for applicants who have not attached to the application the certificate ascertaining a minimum level of CEFR B2 in a second language among English, French, German, or Spanish, active and passive knowledge of Italian, active and passive knowledge of a language among English, French, German, or Spanish, and passive knowledge of at least another language among English, French, German, Spanish will be assessed.

Applicants must present a valid identification document in order to be admitted to the oral examination.

The oral exam is successfully passed with a minimum score of 30 points.

The details of the oral interview – date, venue and time – shall be notified at least 20 days prior to the interview, with a notice published on the website http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1962/announcement-of-selection.

Candidates who are not able to attend their interview in person - whether because they live abroad, or because of serious obstacles - may request, in their online application, that the Commission perform an "offsite interview" by phone or video-conference. In such cases candidates are required to carefully fill in the related section of the online application ("Offsite oral examination") providing a location in a university or a diplomatic representation and the name of an official who is entitled to identify them before the interview.

The feasibility of the above procedure is subject to the approval of the Commission, upon verification of the technical feasibility of the interview.

Art. 7 – ADMISSION COMMITTEE

The Admission Committee is appointed by the Rector, advised by the PhD Programme Committee. It is composed of three members chosen from among the university's permanent professors and researchers, including non-Italians, from the academic fields related to the PhD Programme. The Committee may also include a maximum of two other experts, including non-Italians, from either public or private research institutes.

Upon completion of the interview process, the Commission will finalize their ranking, combining the points assigned for qualifications with those for the interview.

The ranked list (again using candidates’ application Ids) will be published on the website http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1962/announcement-of-selection.

Successful candidates will not receive any personal communications, since the ranked list of candidates will be posted on the website.

Art. 8 – ADMISSION TO THE PHD PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER

Candidates will be admitted to the PhD Programme according to their position in the ranking, until all the available places are filled.

Should two candidates obtain the same score:
- as regards the awarding of the scholarship, the candidates’ economic situations shall be the deciding factor, in accordance with the criteria established by the Law of 9 April 2001 and subsequent amendments and integrations;
- when neither candidate has applied for a scholarship, the younger of the two candidates will be selected. If a successful candidate withdraws before the beginning of the course (November 1st 2015), the next candidate in the ranking will be admitted.

This candidate is expected to accept the offer by 8 days from the day after he/she receives the communication from the relevant University Office (PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities). If a candidate withdraws or is excluded before the end of the first quarter of the first year, the PhD Programme Committee may decide to offer their place to the next candidate on the shortlist.

In accordance with art. 20, part 3 of the University Regulations regarding PhD Programmes, the Admission Committee can admit one candidate more than provided for in the initial number of available places announced, as long as the candidate has been shortlisted, and without granting a scholarship. The extra candidate must belong to one of the following categories:

a) shortlisted non-EU candidates who are granted scholarships by other entities;
b) shortlisted candidates from countries which have specific inter-governmental agreements with Italy, and with which an ad-hoc agreement with the University is then made, without the University of Trento being required to assume any financial obligations;
c) be a research fellow at the date of the beginning of the PhD programme and be researching a subject relevant to the PhD Research Programme; such relevance to be determined by the PhD Programme Committee;
d) be employed in the public sector, or the state legal system. Admission is dependent on candidates being given leave of absence or exceptional leave, in accordance with article 2 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n. 476 and subsequent revisions;
e) Neither public employees who have already been awarded PhDs, nor those who have been enrolled on a PhD Programme for at least one academic year (having been granted exceptional leave), are entitled to exceptional leave, either with or without research grants, whatever their subject area.

Admitted applicants must send the acceptance of the position using the form downloadable at http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1928/enrollment-1-2-3-year the following address:

Università degli Studi di Trento
PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities
Via Verdi, 26 – 38122 Trento (ITALIA)

Email phd.office-cssh@unitn.it – fax +39-0461-282191

Where applicable, the payment receipt of the provincial tax for the right to education (TDS) must be attached to the application.

Successful applicants holding a foreign qualification must present the following documents to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities, by 30 September 2015, by fax +39 0461 282191, or email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it:

- The Declaration of Value9, with the certificate of the foreign degree listing examinations and grades, translated and validated by the Italian Diplomatic mission or consulate in the country where the issuing institution is located. The Declaration of Value shall certify both that the foreign qualification is valid in the country where the issuing institution is located and that it grants access to an academic course equivalent to the PhD (third level of higher education as established in the Bologna Process – European Higher Education Area);

- alternatively, a Diploma Supplement can be provided, in English. It must be in the format established by

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the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES.

Successful candidates who do not send or bring their acceptance request by 8 days, starting from the day after the date of publication of the final shortlist on the [http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1962/announcement-of-selection](http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1962/announcement-of-selection) shall be considered as withdrawn candidates. Their places shall be made available to other eligible candidates, according to their position in the shortlist.

Candidates who wish to assert their requirements for supernumerary positions shall request, by submission of appropriate documentation proving their status, such admission always within 8 days starting from the next day of the publication of the ranking list. Supernumerary admission is disposed within the limit of one (1) positions following the order of the final ranking.

**Art. 9 - ENROLMENT ON THE PHD PROGRAMME**

The official registration in the course, limited to short-listed candidates who have accepted the place with the procedures set out in the preceding article, will automatically be formalized as soon as the PhD Programmes’ requirements check set up by the Ministry of Education, University and Research for the AY 2015-2016 has been completed. In case of accreditation not confirmed, candidates who have accepted the place will receive a timely notification via email and the fee for the Right to Education (TDS) will be refunded.

**Art. 10 – SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships are assigned according to the merit-based shortlist, drawn up by the Admission Committee. The candidates who are awarded a reserved scholarship are required to accept it, because scholarships which are not connected to specific issues, are implicitly considered as having a lower preference degree. If the selected candidate withdraws, the next eligible candidate on the shortlist will be awarded the scholarship. If the scholarship in question is one of the project specific scholarships, the next candidate on the list must also have the required knowledge of the specific topic.

The scholarship is worth € 13,638.47 p.a., gross of any taxes for which the student may be legally liable. Scholarships are usually disbursed every two months, in advance. If a student is excluded from the Programme, or suspends their participation, reimbursement of any advance payments will be required. PhD scholarships may not be combined with any other scholarships, apart from those awarded by Italian or foreign institutions to fund a student's research abroad.

The size of the scholarship is increased by 50% during study periods abroad (minimum 1 month and maximum 18), subject to prior authorisation by either the Coordinator or the PhD Programme Committee. The scholarship will be funded for the duration of the PhD Programme, provided that the student continues to meet the required standards.

If a student interrupts their attendance at the School for more than 30 days the disbursement of their scholarship will be suspended.

If a student withdraws from the course at any point, they forfeit their entitlement to any further payments.

Students who have already been awarded a scholarship in Italy for a PhD Programme are not allowed to receive another one.

**Art. 11 - PHD STUDENTS’ RIGHTS AND DUTIES**

Admission to the PhD Programme entails a full time, exclusive commitment on the part of the student. Students are expected to attend their courses and seminars and to engage in constant study and research activities, in accordance with the Programme and modalities decided by the PhD Programme Committee, as

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10 At the date of publication of this announcement, Italian law (art. 2, paragraph 26 of Law 335/95 and subsequent amendments) states that scholarships, from 01/01/2015, are subject to pension fund contributions (INPS), of 30.72% or 23.50%, of which 1/3 will be charged to the candidate.
stated in art. 4 of this announcement. They are also required to present a report on their research to the PhD Programme Committee at the end of each year. Students involved in co-tutor Programme are required to respect the criteria regarding study and research activities set out in the agreement with the foreign university.

Upon careful consideration, the PhD Programme Committee may decide to exclude students from the School, with the consequent loss of any scholarship, in the following cases:

a) failure of exams or assessments during the 3 years of the PhD Programme;

b) if the PhD Programme Committee decides a student should not be allowed into the following year. The PhD Programme Committee will scrutinize both the results obtained during the academic year coming to a close, and the student’s commitment and application to their research activities;

c) if the student has taken on paid work without the previous authorization of the Doctoral Programme Committee;

d) prolonged and unjustified absences.

The acceptance of a scholarship funded by an external institution for specific research obliges recipients to carry out the specified activities.

The University guarantees to provide, for the entire duration of the PhD Programme, insurance against accidents and civil responsibility, but solely with regard to activities performed in connection with the PhD Programme.

According to art. 2, part 1, of Law n. 476 of 13 August 1984 and subsequent amendments, public employees admitted to a PhD Programme may ask for leave without pay for study reasons, for the entire duration of the PhD Programme. They are also entitled to receive scholarships, provided the necessary requirements are met.

If an employee on study leave is admitted to the PhD Programme without a scholarship, or if they give up a scholarship, they are entitled to receive their normal pay and benefits. If, after obtaining their PhD, an employee subsequently resigns from public service within two years of the end of the PhD Programme, the employee must fully reimburse their employer for the pay received during the entire course 11.

**Art. 12 – ADMISSION TO THE FINAL EXAM AND THE AWARDING OF PhDS**

To be admitted to the final exam, each doctoral student must achieve 10 credits during the third year for writing the Doctoral thesis, based on its perfection status assessed by the favourable opinion of the tutor. A further 50 credits are conferred with approval of the thesis and the relative discussion.

The Doctoral Course Committee, once verified that the 10 credits have been achieved by the doctoral student, gives a detailed evaluation of the students’ activities throughout the Programme. They also identify two or more referees, chosen from among both University of Trento faculty members and highly qualified researchers at other Italian, or foreign, institutions.

The submission of a student’s thesis to their referees may - either on the careful consideration of the PhD Programme Committee or following a reasonable request by the student (which must be presented to the Coordinator at least 30 days before the end of the final year of the course) which is accepted by the Committee on both academic grounds and in the light of other circumstances – be deferred for a maximum period of 12 months after the normal duration of the PhD Programme.

Students must send their referees a copy of their dissertation and a report on their academic activities during the PhD Programme, including any publications.

The referees are required to give a detailed written analysis of the thesis and to either declare it ready to be defended, or in need of a (maximum of 6 months) period for further necessary revisions, additions or corrections.

The Final Exam takes place in the presence of an Exam Commission nominated by the PhD Programme Committee, in accordance with University Regulations on Doctoral Research, and appointed by the Rector. The candidate will discuss the thesis in the language agreed with the Head of the Course.

11 For further information refer to the mentioned regulations.
Candidates who successfully defend their thesis are awarded a Ph.D. in “European Cultures. Environment, Contexts, Histories, Arts, Ideas”, together with the curriculum of the doctoral Programme. Before being issued with their degree certificate, candidates must submit the final version of their dissertation to the University's open-access archive. The University guarantees the safe preservation of the dissertation and public access to it. The University is also legally required to ensure that the National Libraries of Rome and Florence receive copies of the dissertation.

**Art. 13 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ON RESEARCH RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Without prejudice to the Italian law on copyright (legislative decree 633/1941 and subsequent amendments), the use of results derived from doctoral research conducted with scholarships financed by external bodies may be subject to restrictions imposed by specific funding agreements; doctoral grant-holders will be informed upon award of the scholarship of any such restrictions.

**Art. 14 – PERSONAL DATA**

The University of Trento, in accordance with the Legislative Decree 196/2003 (Personal data usage), shall use the personal details provided by the candidate for the sole purpose of participation in the selection procedure. Participation in the selection procedure implies, in the full respect of the above mentioned norms, that candidates implicitly accept that the results of the selection procedure be published on the website of the University of Trento. The University of Trento, via Calepina 14, 38122 Trento, is entitled to use candidates’ personal data.

**Art. 15 – REGULATIONS**


The Vice Rector  
Prof. Aronne Armanini  

On behalf of the Vice Rector  
The Head of Education and Student Services  
Dott. Paolo Zanei
Declaration substituting
DEGREE CERTIFICATE
(Art. 46 - lettera l, m, n - D.P.R. 28/12/2000, no. 445)

The undersigned (Family name+name) ____________________________
Place of birth (city+country) ____________________________ date of birth ____________________________
Official postal address (street, number, zip code, city, country) ____________________________

Mob. ____________________________ e – mail ____________________________

aware of the penal sanctions pursuant to Art. 46 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 for falsifying
documents and making mendacious declarations

DECLARER

A) **To have graduated in:**

Graduation Date: ____________________________ with mark ___________ out of ____________

Type of degree: □ Master’s degree/Laurea Magistrale
□ Other (specify) ____________________________

University of: __________________________________________________________________________
City and Country: _______________________________________________________________________

and to have passed the following exams (fill in the subsequent Part C, mandatory both in case A and B)

OR ALTERNATIVELY

B) **To have not graduated yet**, and to be aware that admission to the PhD Programme is conditional
upon the presentation of the degree certificate by the scheduled date in the call.

Currently studying (subject) _________________________________________________________________

Type of degree: □ Master’s degree □ Other (specify) ___________________________________________

At the University of: ____________________________ Country: ____________________________

Expected date for final degree defense: ____________________________

and to have passed the following exams (fill in the subsequent Part C, mandatory both in case A and B)


Part C: list of examinations passed and registered at the above mentioned University (all data are mandatory):

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