Call for PhD positions at the PhD Programme in “International Studies”
Academic Year 2014-15 (30th cycle)

N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector's Decree n. 204 of 4 April 2014 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. 220 of 30 December 2010;
Considering Ministerial Decree n. 45 of 8 February 2013 regarding the rules and procure 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 proposal presented by the School of International Studies on 30 September 2013;
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 29 January 2014;
Considering that, although the accreditation process - which must be given by the Ministry upon the recommendation of the ANVUR - has not yet been completed, the University of Trento, taking into account the time required to allow an international recruitment, has decided not to delay the issuance of the calls and the completion of the selection procedure;

STATES

Art. 1 – PURPOSE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT

This Announcement regulates the selection for admission to Academic Year 2014-15 (30th cycle of the PhD Programme in International Studies at the University of Trento). The PhD Programme is partially funded by the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio.

Places: n.7
Scholarships: n. 7

The scholarships are funded as follows:

- 4 scholarships funded by the University of Trento;
- 1 scholarship funded by the Autonomous Province of Trento;
- 1 project specific scholarship funded by the Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK), focused on “International Politics and Conflict Resolution”;
- 1 project specific scholarship focused on ‘Health and Security: pharmacrimes and illegal online pharmacies in the EU and beyond’ (funded by the European Commission, within the project ‘Fakeshare II’ managed by eCrime research group at the Faculty of Law).

Deadline for application: 26 May 2014, 16:00 Italian time

Duration: 3 years

Official language of the PhD Programme: English. All PhD students are encouraged to learn Italian during their studies.
While considerable freedom is naturally given to the PhD students in the research they carry out for their PhD thesis, it is expected that their approach will be multidisciplinary and that they will focus on the thematic areas identified by the PhD Programme Committee. The 30th cycle will focus particularly on issues related to “Sovereignty, Democracy and Crisis”; themes which can also provide inspiration for students’ research proposals. This thematic focus will be explored in various research projects and teaching activities. It will be addressed from multiple disciplinary perspectives (sociology, politics, law, economics and history) and will be expressed through analysis of various issues (i.e. the economic-financial crisis, the evolution of European integration, participative democracy, socio-economic development models).

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 candidate’s interview. 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/3093/announcement-selec](http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/3093/announcement-selection).

**Art. 2 – THE PHD PROGRAMME**

The PhD Programme in International Studies adopts a vigorously interdisciplinary approach: it provides a solid common foundation in the disciplines that lie at the core of international studies (particularly in law, economics, sociology and politics) and includes further specific training in the main subject area within which each student’s thesis falls.

**COURSES**

**1st YEAR**

In the first semester of the first year, all PhD students will be required to attend the following courses, totalling no less than 100 hours:

- International and European Law
- International and European Politics
- International Economics*
- Academic Writing for International Studies I

*PhD students who intend to concentrate on Economics must attend a Crash Course in Mathematics before the start of the semester, and a Microeconomics course.

In the second semester of the first year, all PhD students will be required to attend the following courses, totalling no less than 60 hours:

- Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods*
- Academic Writing for International Studies II

*PhD students who intend to concentrate on Economics will attend a course in Econometrics instead of the Quantitative Research Methods module.
In the second semester of the first year, all PhD students will attend, depending on the specific discipline related to their research proposal, the following seminars totalling no less than 48 hours:

**Sociology/Political Science:**
- Current Debates in Political Sociology
- Advanced International Relations
- Security and Non-proliferation

**Law:**
- Advanced International Law
- Advanced European Law
- Seminar Law

**Economics:**
- International Trade
- Open Macro, Growth and Development

2nd YEAR
In the second year Multidisciplinary Thematic Seminars will be organized, mainly on issues related to the theme of “Sovereignty, Democracy and Crisis” (12 hours minimum).

In addition, the PhD students will attend the following courses (about 30 hours):
- Seminars on History
- Proposal Writing for International Studies

3rd YEAR
In the second semester of the third year, PhD students will attend a Dissertation Writing Workshop (totalling no less than 20 hours).

PhD students will have the opportunity to present parts of their research work in the Graduate Thesis Seminars.

In the course of their study period, PhD students are required to attend Guest Lectures on a range of subjects and current affairs, organized by the School.

**PERIODIC REVIEW PROCESS**

Students’ admissions to the second and third year of the programme are approved, or not, by the PhD Programme Committee. In order to be admitted to the second year, PhD students must have:
- obtained at least a pass grade in their exams at the end of all the first year courses;
- passed the Comprehensive Examination.

In order to be admitted to the third year, PhD students must have:
- defended their thesis proposal in a public seminar;
- obtained their Supervisor’s formal approval of their thesis proposal and the defence thereof;
- obtained, by the end of September of their second year, their Supervisor’s positive assessment of their research activity during the fourth semester.

**RESEARCH ACTIVITY**

The first semester of the second year will be devoted to the preparation of students’ dissertation proposals. All PhD students must defend their research proposal in a public examination.
From the second semester of the second year, students will concentrate on researching their thesis.

In the second semester of the second year and/or the first semester of the third year, all PhD students are required to spend a period abroad for research and study. For periods longer than six consecutive months, the approval of the PhD Programme Committee is required.

A list of Universities with which cooperation agreements that include arrangements for hosting graduate students have been established is available at [http://www.unitn.it/en/ssi/10560/scientific-cooperation-agreements-sis](http://www.unitn.it/en/ssi/10560/scientific-cooperation-agreements-sis).

Students will prepare a report on their research activities by the month of August of the second year, and no more than a month after their return from the research period.

The third year will be dedicated primarily to the researching and writing up of dissertations.

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Art. 3 – 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 an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad and considered suitable by the Admission Committee.

Degrees in Economics, Law, Political Science and Sociology, Humanities, History and Philosophy, or any others related to International Studies, are preferred.

Applications are also accepted from candidates who expect to obtain their degree/equivalent qualification abroad, by 31 July 2014. In these cases, the candidate’s admission to the course will be subject to confirmation. The candidate shall provide the ‘Doctorate Office – Humanities Area’ (fax n. + 39 0461 282191 – email: dottorati-citta@unitn.it), upon penalty of exclusion, with a certificate attesting to their qualification (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 Form A) by 5 September 2014.

Art. 4 – FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

Foreign qualifications must be equivalent to the Laurea magistrale (Master’s Degree), in terms of duration, level and subject area. The Admission Committee will determine their eligibility.

Candidates who hold a foreign academic qualification which has not been declared equivalent 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 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 template);
- translation into English (if not in English already) 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 30th cycle;
- any other document which may be useful to evaluate the admissibility of the academic qualification for participation in the selection process (Diploma Supplement or Declaration of value).

Successful applicants holding a foreign qualification must present the following documents to the relevant office ‘Doctorate Office – Humanities Area’, by 1 November 2014, by fax +39 0461 282191, or email:

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1 For further information on the Italian university system visit [http://www.study-in-italy.it/study/new-degrees.html](http://www.study-in-italy.it/study/new-degrees.html)
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.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/diploma-supplement_en.htm).
dottorati-citta@unitn.it;

- The Declaration of Value\(^5\), 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.

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) 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.

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

The deadline for submission of the online application is 26 May 2014, 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.

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.

Admission to the selection procedure is provisional and conditional upon the verification of each candidate’s satisfaction of the admission requirements.

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”.

**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;

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\(^5\) 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.
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 template), stating that the candidate holds the academic qualification (art. 3 of this announcement), the degree classification, the degree date, the issuing university, the final grade, the list of examinations and marks attained;

- **for candidates holding a foreign qualification:**
  An academic certificate with the list of examinations and marks attained or equivalent certification, as per art. 4 of this announcement. If the academic qualification has not been officially recognised as equivalent to an Italian qualification, an English translation of the certificate (if not in English already) with the list of exams 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 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 and marks attained (for EU citizens a self-declaration, using Form A, is sufficient, as provided by Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28 December 2000 and subsequent amendments);
  - a letter signed by their thesis supervisor stating that the candidate will obtain their academic title by 31 July 2014.

3) **curriculum vitae** in English;

4) **a short research proposal in English** (max 4 pages – 2000 words, excluding bibliography, if applicable). Each candidate can only submit one proposal, which must include a title and an abstract (max 150 words). Candidates competing for one of the project specific scholarships must submit a proposal whose subject matter is relevant to the research area for which the scholarship is being awarded. They must also indicate their application for the scholarship in the online application.

5) **a short statement of purpose** (max. 500 words) outlining their reasons for undertaking doctoral research and for choosing International Studies at the University of Trento;

6) **an international certificate** attesting the candidate’s knowledge of English at the C1 level or higher in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) if English is not the candidate’s mother tongue or the candidate has not graduated from a BA or MA programme taught entirely in English. Candidates who are citizens of countries whose official language is English may attach a self-declaration that they are mother-tongue speakers of English. Candidates who have earned a BA or MA entirely in English have to attach evidence thereof. In the absence of such certificate or statements, candidates can submit a declaration made by a company or organization for which they have worked or been an intern stating that they have at least 2 years of full-time or equivalent overseas or international experience, and that English is the language of communication in that company or organization.

7) the “Signed acceptance document” generated by the online application. This document must be printed, signed and uploaded in the specific section of the online application.

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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)

8 e.g. IELTS minimum band score of 7 on each of the 4 modules of the academic version; Cambridge CAE (minimum grade B) or CPE; TOEFL IBT minimum score of 110; Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic minimum score 76.

9 EU citizens may use a self-declaration as per Law no. 445, 28/12/2000, and subsequent amendments.
OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- list (if applicable) of scientific publications;
- any other qualifications, such as international examinations (GRE or equivalent);
- any other documents which demonstrate the candidates’ skills (awards, scholarships, post-graduate study and research activities and so on);
- reference forms in English\(^1\) (maximum 2).

Candidates can nominate two referees. Within 24 hours of the candidate completing and saving the referee section, the system will send an automatically generated email to the referee, giving instructions on how to complete and send the form. The candidates are advised to make sure that their references are uploaded onto the website by **29 May 2014**.

If candidates have to upload further documents after the complete closing of their online application procedure, they are required to deliver these by 26 May 2014 to the following email address: ateneo@unitn.it (please state in the email subject: “Application ID – Candidate’s Last Name and Name – PhD Programme in International Studies – 30\(^{th}\) cycle – supplement to application”). Additional materials which are not delivered using the specified method shall not be accepted.

**Art. 6 – ADMISSION COMMITTEE AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

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.

The selection is based on:
- an assessment of qualifications (see Art. 5 of this announcement) in accordance with the criteria established by the Admission Committee;
- for candidates whose academic qualifications are admissible, an interview in English intended to establish:
  - the extent of the candidate’s knowledge of the area of their research proposal;
  - their competence in English;
  - in the case of candidates competing for the scholarship focused on ‘International Politics and Conflict Resolution’, or on ‘Health and Security: pharmacrimes and illegal online pharmacies in the EU and beyond’, their knowledge of the specific topic of the scholarship.

The Admission Committee awards a maximum of 200 points:
- 100 points for qualifications;
- 100 points for the interview.

Only candidates who score at least 60 points for their qualifications will be offered an interview. The list of candidates eligible for interview will be published at: http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/3093/announcement-selection

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.

The details of the interview – date, venue and time – will be available at least 20 days prior to the interview, at: http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/3093/announcement-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 video-conference. In such cases candidates must carefully fill in the relevant section of

\(^1\) Failure to provide reference forms does not result in the exclusion from the selection procedure.
the online application (“Offsite interview”) and identify a location, either a university or a diplomatic mission, and an official who can formally identify them before interview. “Offsite interviews” will only be approved by the Admission Committee when they have verified that the interview is technically feasible. Candidates who obtain a minimum score of 60 points are considered to have passed the interview.

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/3093/announcement-selection.

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

Art. 7 – 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 2014), the next candidate in the ranking will be admitted.
This candidate is expected to accept the offer within 8 days of the date upon which they receive the communication from the relevant University Office (‘Doctorate Office – Humanities Area’). 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.
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.
Successful candidates must accept their offers within 8 working days of publication of the final shortlist on the webpage http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/3093/announcement-selection by completing a form downloadable from http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/2696/enrolment-and-extension and sending it to the following address:

Doctorate Office – Humanities Area
Via Verdi, 26 – 38122 Trento (Italy)
Email dottorati-citta@unitn.it – fax +39 0461 282191
The enrolment request must be accompanied by the appropriate stamp duty and, if applicable, by proof of payment of the Provincial tax on university study (TDS).

Successful candidates with foreign academic qualifications, are required to provide the relevant office (University of Trento Doctorate Office – Humanities Area); Email dottorati-citta@unitn.it – fax +39 0461 282191 with the following, by 1 November 2014:

- The Declaration of Value, 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 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 Programme (third level of Higher Education, as for the Bologna Process – European Higher Education Area);

- Or, alternatively, the Diploma Supplement, in English, using the format set out by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES.

Successful candidates who do not send or bring in their enrolment request within 8 days of the publication of the final shortlist on the webpage http://www.unitn.it/en/ ateneo/3093/announcement-selection shall be considered to have withdrawn. Their places will be made available to other eligible candidates, in order of their position on the shortlist.

Candidates who are eligible to apply for the extra place must also request to be enrolled within 8 days of the publication of the final shortlist. These candidates must provide documentary evidence of their eligibility. Enrolment for the extra place is subject to the limited places specified in article 7 comma 6 in accordance with the final ranking.

Art. 8 ENROLMENT ON THE PHD PROGRAMME
Enrolment on the PhD Programme, restricted to successful candidates who have accepted their places following the procedure set out in the previous article, will be automatically formalized as soon as the accreditation process at the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research has been completed.

If accreditation is not given, candidates who have accepted the offer will immediately be informed by email. They will also be reimbursed for the Provincial tax on university study (TDS).

Art. 9 – SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are assigned according to the merit-based shortlist, drawn up by the Admission Committee.

The candidate awarded the scholarship related to ‘International Politics and Conflict Resolution’ or the scholarship related to ‘Health and Security: pharmacrimes and illegal online pharmacies in the EU and beyond’ must formally accept it.

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.

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11 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 01/01/2014, are subject to pension fund contributions (INPS), of 22% or 28.72%, of which 1/3 will be charged to the candidate.
Students who have already been awarded a scholarship in Italy for a PhD Programme are not allowed to receive another one.

Art. 10 - 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 programmes and modalities decided by the PhD Programme Committee, as stated in art. 2 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 programmes 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;

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

c) 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.\footnote{For further information refer to the mentioned regulations.}

Art. 11 – ADMISSION TO THE FINAL EXAM AND THE AWARDING OF PhDs
The PhD Programme Committee, at the end of the course, 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 month) 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. Candidates defend their theses in English. However, the use of another language may be agreed for students involved in co-tutor programmes. Candidates who successfully defend their thesis are awarded a Ph.D. in International Studies.

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. 12 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS TO 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. 13 – 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. 14 – REGULATIONS
For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present announcement, please refer to art. 4 of Law n. 210 of 3 July 1998, as amended by art.19 paragraph 1 of Law n. 240 of 30 December 2010, to Ministerial Decree n. 45 of 8 February 2013, to the University Regulations for Doctoral Courses issued by Rector's Decree n. 383 of 4 July 2013 and to the Regulations of the PhD Programme in International Studies approved by the School’s Council on 12 September 2013.

The Rector
Prof. Daria De Pretis

On behalf of the Rector
The Head of Education and Student Services
Dott. Paolo Zanei
FORM A

Declaration substituting
DEGREE CERTIFICATE
(Art. 46 par. 1, m, n – Presidential Decree 28 December 2000, n. 445)

The undersigned ________________________________________________________________

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. 76 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 for falsifying documents and making mendacious declarations

HEREBY DECLARES

A) To have graduated in: ________________________________________________________________

Graduation Date: __________________________ Degree classification 13 __________________________

with mark ________________ out of ____________

Type of degree: □ MA / □ MSc

University of: ________________________________________________________________

Country: ________________________________________________________________

And

To have passed the following exams during my university career:

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Alternatively:

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

Currently studying (subject) _______________________________________________________

At the University of: ___________________________________________ Country: ____________

Expected date for awarding of final degree:
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