



**Announcement of selection for Doctoral positions in the Doctoral School in
"Humanities, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage"
24th Cycle**

THE RECTOR

In accordance with Law no. 210 of 3.07.1998 and in particular, art. 4, which assigns the organization of doctoral schools to universities given the general criteria stipulated by ministerial regulations;
In accordance with the Ministerial Decree no. 224 of 30.04.1999, regarding the general criteria to be followed by individual universities in the organization of Doctoral Schools;
In accordance with the Decree by the Prime Minister of 9.04.2001, and subsequent amendments on the general criteria for uniform treatment regarding the right to higher education;
In accordance with the Charter of the University of Trento and in particular art. 12, paragraph 9;
In accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools, issued with the Rector's Decree no. 997 of 16.12.2003; and subsequently modified with Rector's Decree no. 359 of 19.04.2006;
In accordance with the proposal of the Department of Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage;
In accordance with the report of the internal Evaluation Committee of 16.01.2007 on the requirements for the doctoral schools proposed;
In accordance with the resolution made jointly by the Academic Senate and the Scientific Research Committee on the 12.02.2008

DECREES

Art. 1 - INSTITUTION

The University of Trento announces the 24th cycle of the Doctoral Programme in Humanities, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage (SDSU) for the academic year 2008/2009, in co-operation with "Fondazione Bruno Kessler", "Comune di Rovereto", "Castello del Buonconsiglio di Trento" and "Museo di San Michele all'Adige".

Length: three years

Programmes:

- Analysis and history of the territory and of landscape shapes
- Studies and research on "the human condition"

Scientific areas:

- BIO/08 - HUMAN EVOLUTION
- L-ANT/01 – PREHISTORY
- L-ANT/02 – GREEK HISTORY
- L-ANT/03 – ROMAN HISTORY
- L-ANT/08 – CHRISTIAN AND MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY
- L-ART/01 - MEDIEVAL ART HISTORY
- L-ART/02 –MODERN ART HISTORY
- L-ART/03 – CONTEMPORARY ART HISTORY
- L-ART/05 – HISTORY OF THEATRE AND THE PERFORMING ARTS
- L-OR/08 – JEWISH STUDIES
- M-FIL/01 – THEORETICAL PHILOSOPHY



M-FIL/03 – MORAL PHILOSOPHY
M-FIL/04 - AESTHETICS
M-FIL/06 – HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY
M-FIL/07 – HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY
M-GGR/01 - GEOGRAPHY
M-PED/01- GENERAL AND SOCIAL PEDAGOGY
M-STO/08 – ARCHIVAL STUDIES AND LIBRARIANSHIP
SPS/01 – POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Head of School: Professor Michele Nicoletti - email: dottorato.sdsu@lett.unitn.it

Official language: Italian.

Some lectures and seminar could be held in English, German or French.

The final dissertation could be wrote in one of the above mentioned languages with the previous approval of the Academic Committee. Anyway the final discussion should be in Italian.

It is announced the selection for **14** doctoral positions, **7** of which are covered with a study grant.

Grants are financed as follows:

4 study grants	University of Trento;
1 study grant	The Department of Humanities, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage on the topic: "Environment and landscape of hilltop sites in Trentino region (Archaeological area)";
1 study grant	Fondazione Bruno Kessler on the topic: "3D modelling in archaeological record and research";
1 study grant	Comune di Rovereto on the topic "Studies on Antonio Rosmini and his thought".

The number of grant-assisted positions may be increased by funds from universities, public research institutions or qualified private organizations that are become available after the publication of this announcement and before the beginning of the competition. Increase in the number of available positions resulting from an increase of grants will be posted on the website: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/hust.htm>

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for doctoral positions are accepted from candidates, regardless of gender, age and nationality, who have an Italian "laurea magistrale" in compliance with Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 3.11.1999 as amended, a university degree of the previously enforced Italian regulations, or an equivalent academic degree obtained abroad.

Applicants who have a foreign degree which has not been officially recognized as equivalent to an Italian degree must submit a request for equivalence in the application. This is done by adding the following documents:

- degree certificate (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 regarding self-certifications for EU citizens)
- translation into English of the degree certificate, with exams taken, grades obtained and signed by the applicant to enable the Doctorate School Committee to declare its equivalence, for the sole purpose of being admitted to the selection of this call.

Applications are also accepted from students who expect to complete their degree **by 30th of September 2008**. They need to present, together with their application, a statement from their thesis supervisor or from the University Registrar's Office declaring that the student is expected to obtain the degree **within the 30th of September 2008**. In such cases admission is "conditional" and applicants must be able to present the degree certificate, or a declaration that the degree will have been conferred (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 applicable only to EU citizens) **by the 10th of October 2008**.

Only admitted non-EU applicants holding a non-Italian qualification and admitted EU applicants holding a non-EU qualification must also present their degree certificate along with exams taken and grades, translated and authenticated by an Italian consulate, embassy or diplomatic representative in the country



where the degree was issued, and the respective declaration of validity (“Dichiarazione di Valore”), no later than **31st October, 2008**.

Art. 3 – THE DOCTORATE PROGRAMME

The doctoral School aims to train experts in the field of philosophical, historical and cultural heritage studies.

The School has two specialised curricula:

1) Analysis and history of the territory and of landscape shapes

This curricula focuses on the study and analysis of the relationship between the human being and the environment in its historical evolution and structural representations. This analysis takes into consideration both the results of the environmental anthropization and the consequence of environmental changes on the human condition and cultural development.

2) Studies and research on "the human condition"

This curricula focuses on the “conditio humana”, which entails the different dimensions of human existence. Particularly the research fields are the rational, ethical, political, literary and religious elements which have influenced the development and the codification of the concept of human being and human community. The main instruments of this research are the philosophical, historical and cultural studies focusing on the classical texts of our civilization (from the Jewish and Greek-Latin origin to the Modern and Contemporary age).

Each cycle of the doctoral School focuses on a specific topic. The candidates will be required to produce a research project on this subject. For the 24th cycle the chosen topic is “**Spaces, Forms and Symbols of Human Co-existence**” which is described in the attachment A of this announcement.

During the three-year course each student must achieve a total amount of 180 credits as follows:

- **120 credits** for research activity on the subject of the final dissertation
- **60 credits** for educational activity including seminars, specific courses or lectures, workshop, periods spent in foreign or Italian universities or research institutions and taking the final test at the end of each academic year

Anyway at least a period of three months should be spent in a foreign institution.

The students could be required to attend specific workshop to improve the knowledge of foreign languages or other kind of skills as well.

To be admitted to the following academic year the student must achieve at least 2/3 of the total credits required for the chosen didactic programme unless the Academic Committee decides otherwise (f.i. to allow the student to spend a longer time abroad for research).

The programme is the following one:

1° year

- a) course concerning the methods of research;
- b) a seminar on the topic of the project;
- c) a seminar among the ones of the curricula.

At the end of the first year the doctoral students are required to submit the final version of the thesis project and to have acquired the main research methods using the common scientific means (f.i. concept definition, book reviews, interdisciplinary bibliography).

2° year

- a) a seminar on the topic of the project;
- b) a seminar among the ones of the curricula

At the end of the second year the doctoral students are required to submit and discuss the thesis they are going to refine.

3° year

- a) a seminar on the topic of the project;
- b) a seminar among the ones of the curricula

The third year the doctoral students are required to work on the final version of their thesis. They are allowed to spend period abroad for research reasons.



Within the third year the doctoral students have to give a seminar on the topic of their thesis. This exam is public and it will be held in front of a Commission (including at least two members of the Academic Committee and the tutor). This seminar allows the doctoral student to be admitted to the final exam.

Art. 4 – APPLICATION

Application should be made using the form attached to this announcement.

The application, including all the annexes required, must arrive at the University of Trento **by the 19th of September 2008** in one of the following ways:

- hand-delivered to the University of Trento - Ufficio Dottorati ed Esami di Stato, Via Inama 5 – 38100 Trento, from 10:00 am to 12:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
- by mail to the following address: Al Magnifico Rettore dell'Università degli Studi di Trento, via Belenzani 12 – 38100 Trento (ITALY) (specify "Selection for Doctoral School in Humanities, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage, 24th cycle" on the envelope);
- by fax to the following number: 0039 0461 882191

The University of Trento does not take responsibility for loss of applications from mistakes in writing the address nor from possible postal or telegraphic delays or problems.

Applications received after September 19, 2008 will not be considered even if posted beforehand.

According to Italian Law no. 104/92, art. 20 and to Italian Law no. 68/99, art. 16, para. 1, special needs applicants are expected to explicitly state in their application whether they require special assistance or extra time during the examinations. Under Legislative Decree 196/03, all information will be kept confidential.

Admission application attachments:

- Photocopy of the applicant's ID or passport.
- The degree certificate or degree self-certification (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 concerning EU citizens), with a list of the examinations successfully passed and scores obtained in each examination. Except for the candidates who should not have gained the degree within the application deadline as provided in art. 2 of the announcement.

For those candidates who have a foreign qualification that has not already been officially recognized as equivalent to an Italian degree: translation into English of the degree certificate with exams taken and grades obtained, all signed by the applicant, in order to enable the Doctoral School Committee to declare its equivalence, for the sole purpose of being admitted to this selection.

- One research project proposal concerning one of the two specialised programmes on the topic **Spaces, Forms and Symbols of Human Co-existence** (see the attached text of the project); candidates who also wish to be considered for one of the scholarships reserved (one on the topic Environment and landscape of hilltop sites in Trentino region (Archaeological area), one on the topic 3D modelling in archaeological record and research and the third one on Antonio Rosmini and his thought) should present a project concerning the chosen topic.

Each candidate can forward only one project of research proposal.

- Curriculum vitae et studiorum.
- Any certificates of knowledge of foreign languages (e.g. TOEFL, Proficiency Certificate or other).
- Any other documents that could be useful for the evaluation (publications, grants, awards, period research etc).

If applicants should wish to add documents after their application was sent, this material must reach the University **no later than September 19, 2008**. The applicant's name, Doctoral School Humanities, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage and the subject ("Integrazione domanda") must be clearly printed on any communication with the University.

The University of Trento has the right to check, even to spot check, declarations and documents provided by the candidates, according to art. 71 and following articles of the Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000.

Candidates who do not fulfil the requirements will be excluded from the selection for the Doctoral Programme.



Art. 5 – SELECTION

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. 4;
- evaluation of the research project;
- oral exam.

The Admissions Committee can assign each candidate a total of 100 points as follows:

- 50 points for the assessment of qualifications and research project;
- 50 points for the oral exam.

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 list of those candidates admitted to the oral examination will be published, after the qualifications assessment, on the web page: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/hust.htm>

The oral exam will focus on assessing the candidates' skills and aptitude for research and their motivation.

For candidates who also wish to be considered for one of the reserved scholarship the interview will also involve an evaluation of their skill and knowledge in the field concerned .

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.

In case of applicants not residing in Italy, who want to sit the entrance exam in their home countries, the oral exam will be held by phone or videoconference in the same days, subject to approval by the Admissions Committee. The applicant must provide (using the form in Attachment B) the address of a University, Institute or Embassy, indicating the name of an officer who can identify him/her before the selection.

The selection exam will be held in Italian or in a foreign language chosen among English, French, German and Spanish by the candidate.

During the oral examination the candidate knowledge of Italian and of one foreign languages among English, French, German and Spanish will be evaluated too.

At least 20 days before the date of the oral examination, time and location of it will be displayed on the website: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/hust.htm> as laid down in Art. 20 of the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools.

Art. 6 – PROGRAMME OF THE EXAMINATION

The oral examination will explore applicants' general knowledge on various subjects and will focus on the research project as well.

Art. 7 – ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Upon hearing the Doctoral School Committee the Rector appoints the Admissions Committee. It consists of three members chosen among Italian and foreign tenure professors and researchers, who are experts in the scientific areas of the Doctoral School. The Committee may also include two experts, who may be foreign, from public and private national and international research centres.

Having held the qualifications evaluation and the oral examination, the Committee will draw up a merit-based ranking on the scores obtained by the applicants.

The final ranking of the candidates will be posted on the website: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/hust.htm>
Through publication of such list, notification concerning the proceedings is considered to be fulfilled.

Applicants admitted to the School will not receive personal communication of their results.

Art. 8 – ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Applicants will be admitted to the Doctoral School according to their position in the final ranking and till all available and eligible positions have been filled. If the candidates are equally worthy of admission, the student's economic situation will be evaluated for positions that include a grant, in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers (D.P.C.M.) of 9.04.2001 as amended, for positions not assigned a grant, the youngest student shall be given priority.



If an eligible applicant withdraws before the beginning of the programme, the applicant next in rank will be offered the position.

If an eligible applicant withdraws or is excluded in the first three-month term of the first year, the Doctoral School Committee may decide to fill the vacancy with another candidate next in rank in the final score list.

According to art. 19, paragraph 3 of the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools and according to previous Doctoral School Committee resolutions, the Admissions Committee may admit to the School up to 20% of the total assigned places, candidates who are eligible in the general ranking, if they belong to the following categories:

- applicants from non-E.U. countries who have been awarded any kind of grant;
- applicants from a country with a specific intergovernmental agreement with Italy, on the basis of a bilateral agreement between the University of Trento and the foreign university (with no obligatory financial burden for the University of Trento);
- short-listed applicants who have been awarded grants under Law 449/97, Art. 51 ("Assegni di ricerca").

Art. 9 – ENROLMENT

Eligible applicants who are admitted to the School should forward their enrolment application on paper with attached stamp duty to:

"Università degli Studi di Trento – Ufficio Dottorati ed Esami di Stato, Via Inama n. 5 – 38100 Trento – ITALIA" within 15 days of the date of the publication of the final ranking.

If applicable, the payment receipt of the provincial tax for the right to university study (TDS) must be attached to the application.

In the application (forms are available at the Ufficio Dottorati ed Esami di Stato and on the website: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd.htm>), candidates should:

- ask / ask not to be awarded a grant (including successful applicants who are not eligible for a grant in case an applicant eligible for a grant gives up his/her place);
- declare that they already received / did not receive a grant by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs or by other Italian or foreign institution;
- declare that they have / have not already been awarded (even for one year only) a grant for an Italian Doctorate Programme;
- declare that they are not already enrolled and promise not to enrol in any other program for a diploma, degree, an Italian "Scuola di Specializzazione", Doctorate or Specialization degree, whether of the 1st or 2nd level, for the duration of this Doctorate Programme; if they are, they will stop attending such a School before the start of the Programme;
- declare that they are / are not employed by the Italian public sector;
- declare to request the Doctoral School Committee authorization for any occupation;
- undertake to inform the University of any changes of their residence or address.

Non-EU applicants admitted to the Programme who have a foreign qualification and EU-applicants admitted to the Programme who have a university degree obtained in a non-EU country must attach their degree with exams taken and grades obtained, translated and authenticated by an Italian Consulate, Embassy or Diplomatic Representative in the country of the university that issued the degree and its declaration of validity ("Dichiarazione di Valore") **no later than the 31st of October 2008**.

Eligible applicants admitted to the School who do not send their application **within 15 days following the publication date of the ranking** on the web page: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/hust.htm> lose the right to enrol and their corresponding position will be offered to the next candidate on the list.

Art. 10– GRANTS

Grants are assigned on the basis of the ranking of applicants drawn up by the Admissions Committee.

Candidates offered a reserved scholarship for research in a specific area may not decline the offer.

If an applicant forfeits his/her right to the grant, the next eligible applicant on the list will be offered the grant.

In case of "restricted" scholarship for specific area of research the scholarship will be offered to the next candidate on the ranking with a suitable project in that area.



The net annual salary for 2008¹ of the grant is equal to:

- 9,876.34 Euro for candidates residing in Italy;
- 10,561.54 Euro for doctoral students residing outside Italy who can apply the convention against double-taxation;
- 10,173.21 Euro for doctoral students residing in Italy and contributing to an additional social security system.

Grants are normally paid bi-monthly and in advance, with the exception of undue payments in case the student is expelled or suspended.

Grants cannot be combined with other scholarships, except those awarded by national or foreign scientific institutes deemed appropriate for the research activities carried out by the doctoral student.

The scholarship will be increased by 50% for research periods spent abroad authorized by the coordinator or by the School Committee.

Grants are awarded for the whole duration of the program after the Doctoral School Committee's confirmation of the results achieved every year by the doctoral student.

A doctoral student's failure to attend the program for over thirty days will lead to grant suspension.

In case a doctoral student should decide not to carry on with the studies during the academic year, the student forfeits the right to use the grant for the amount which has not yet paid out.

Art. 11 – DOCTORAL STUDENTS RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Doctoral students must attend the doctoral programme and carry out research and studies according to the schedule and the regulation laid out by the Doctoral School Committee, as specified in Art. 3 of the present announcement.

Students taking part in a co-tutelle programme are required to carry out study and research activities in compliance with the agreement signed with the foreign university.

The Doctoral School Committee may decide to exclude students from the doctoral Programme:

- a) in case of a negative evaluation by the Doctoral School Committee concerning the admission to the following year of study or a negative evaluation by the Doctoral School Committee regarding a student's participation in School activities and studies;
- b) the student accepts any form of employment without the Doctoral School Committee's authorisation;
- c) in case of unjustified and extended absences.

Students who are expelled from the School will forfeit their scholarship.

The grants reserved for specific areas of research are binding for the candidate who have been awarded them.

For the duration of the Doctoral Programme, doctoral students are insured by the University against accidents and civil liability that occur in circumstances concerning the doctoral Programme.

A public service employee admitted to the Doctoral School may request leave of absence for reasons of study for the whole duration of the doctoral course, without allowances, and may benefit from the scholarship, if the required conditions are met. In the case of admission to a doctoral course without a scholarship, or if the candidate has declined the scholarship, the person on leave of absence enjoys the economic remuneration and social insurance and retirement benefits enjoyed by the public administration where he/she is employed. Should the employee terminate employment in public administration in the two years succeeding his / her having obtained the doctoral title, the amounts paid during the course of the doctoral studies will be claimed back.

Art. 12 – DOCTORAL TITLE CONFERRAL

The doctoral title, conferred by the Rector, is awarded when students pass the final examination at the end of the three-year doctoral Programme.

The Examination Committee will be appointed by the Rector, upon the advice of the Doctoral School Committee and in accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools.

¹ From the date of issue of this call, the current norm declares that the doctoral grant can be subject to INPS contribution, equal to 17% or 24,72%, of which the doctoral student is responsible for 1/3 from art. 2 comma 26 of the Law 335/95 and subsequent changes and integrations.



Release of title certification is dependent upon delivery of the final thesis to the University's open access institutional archive on behalf of the graduate, that guarantees the conservation and public availability of the thesis. It is the University's responsibility to then deposit the thesis, according to law, among the National Libraries of Rome and Florence.

Art. 13 – PERSONAL DATA

The University of Trento, in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03 "Italian Personal Data Protection Code", may use applicants' personal data only for the purpose of selection procedures and for institutional reasons.

Participation in the present selections entails, in observance of the above-mentioned law, that the applicant allows the University of Trento to publish his/her personal data concerning the results of the selection procedure on the University website.

Art. 14– REFERRAL RULE

For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present announcement, art. 4 of Law no. 210 of 3.07.1998, the Ministerial Decree no. 224 of 30.04.1999 and the University Regulations for Doctoral Research Programmes issued with the Rector's Decree no. 997 of 16.12.2003 and amended with the Rector's Decree no. 359 of 19.04.2006 shall apply.

Trento, 7th of July 2008

The Rector
Prof. Davide Bassi

Admission Application

Al Magnifico Rettore
dell'Università degli Studi di Trento
Via Belenzani, 12
38100 Trento - ITALY

I, the undersigned, am applying to be included in the selection for the Doctorate School in

Humanities, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage² – 24th cycle

A

Analysis and history of the territory and of landscape shapes

B

Studies and research on the human condition

For this purpose I, the undersigned, declare my

SURNAME

NAME

FISCAL CODE

DATE OF BIRTH

BIRTHPLACE

Town/City

Country

PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Address			
Zip Code		Country	
Tel.		Fax	
E-mail			

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE DURING CALL SELECTION PROCESS³

Address			Address		
Zip Code		Country			
Tel.		Fax			

• THAT I HAVE _____ CITIZENSHIP

• THAT I HAVE OBTAINED A DEGREE on (date) _____ with a grade of _____

DEGREE IN

at the University of

Country

THAT I HAVE NOT YET GRADUATED and that I am aware that admission to the selection depends on the presentation of my degree certificate by September 30, 2008.

MAJORING IN

at the University of

² The candidate MUST choose one specific Programme between the two available "Analysis and history of the territory and of landscape shapes" or "Studies and research on the human condition" in order not to be excluded from the selection.

³ To be completed only if different from permanent residence address.

Country

THAT I HAVE A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION which is already recognized as equivalent to the Italian degree

Italian Rector's Decree recognizing equivalence	No.
	on (date)
	University

THAT I HAVE A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION and I request the Doctoral School Committee to recognize its equivalence to the Italian degree⁴

DEGREE in		grade	
University			
Country		Length of degree in years	

• **THAT I KNOW THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES**

<input type="checkbox"/> Italian	<input type="checkbox"/> French	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> German	_____	_____
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• **THAT I REQUEST TO TAKE THE ORAL EXAM IN THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Italian	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> French	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> German
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• **THAT I REQUEST A LANGUAGE VERIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE (other than the languages chosen for the other exam)⁵:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Italian	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> French	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> German
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• **TO ATTACH A RESEARCH PROJECT ON:**

OR A PROJECT IN ONE OF THE RESERVED FIELDS:

- "Studies on Antonio Rosmini and his thought"
- "3D modeling in archaeological record and research"
- "Environment and landscape of hilltop sites in Trentino region (Archaeological area) "

• **THAT I TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY to inform immediately the University of any changes of my residence address, living and correspondence address.**

• **THAT I HAVE/DO NOT HAVE⁶ any disabilities (art. 4 Law 104/92) and need**

- The following assistance: _____

- and/or extra time: YES NO

• **THAT I AM AWARE AND I ACCEPT THE REGULATIONS REGARDING**

- this call
- the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools (http://portale.unitn.it/en/rr/reg_doct.htm)

4 Applicants who have a foreign degree which has not been officially recognized as equivalent to an Italian degree must submit a request for equivalence in the application. This is done by adding the following documents: degree certificate (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 regarding self-certifications for EU citizens) and a translation into English of the degree certificate, with exams taken, grades obtained and signed by the applicant to enable the Doctorate School Committee to declare its equivalence, for the sole purpose of being admitted to the selection of this call.

Non-EU applicants admitted to the Programme who have a foreign qualification and EU-applicants admitted to the Programme who have a university degree obtained in a non-EU country must attach their degree with exams taken and grades obtained, translated and authenticated by an Italian Consulate, Embassy or Diplomatic Representative in the country of the university that issued the degree and its declaration of validity ("Dichiarazione di Valore") no later than the 31st of October 2008.

5 Anyway the knowledge of Italian language for foreign candidates will be verified.

6 Cross the item of no interest.

- **Regulations of the Doctoral School in Humanities, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage** (see:<http://portale.unitn.it/en/rr/reru.htm>)

Date_____

Signature_____

[Attachment A](#)

Project for the XXIV doctoral cycle: Spaces, Forms and Symbols of Human Co-existence

The Doctoral School in “Humanities, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage” invites all its candidates to present, by the date established by the university authority, a research project on the interdisciplinary topic: Spaces, Forms, and Symbols of Human Co-Existence.

Co-existence is documented throughout the most ancient times and may be found in a variety of urban forms of life. Although it is not an exclusively human phenomenon, the history of the transformation of and the adaptation to the environment by men and women over time – understood as history of the changing environment, humanization of space, and management of territories – documents the human characteristics in organizing together for optimizing resources, sharing tasks, and expressing the values and meanings of existence through behaviour, visual arts, music, religious rituals, literature, historical memory and philosophical questioning.

The interdisciplinary theme, which our Doctoral School has proposed, integrates the different scholarly approaches to human co-existence and puts in perspective the chronological differences, from prehistorical times through the contemporary period.

A first field of research is the exploration of traditions, the models of memory, collective symbols, and the shared ethos, without which no human experience of human organization would be possible. The methodologies and the techniques for maintaining the memory of administrative and juridical facts (Goody) in their evolutive aspects – from pre-written archives to digital technology – and, more in general, the variety of individual and collective forms of remembering and forgetting constitute a first field of research, which is important in defining an ethics of memory in order to forge cultural identities and prescribe social goals.

A second field of research is the complex fact of the acceptance and rejection of those who do not belong to a given society (the clan, the tribe, the “church,” the ethnic group, the State, etc). It is the issue being different, or the “other” in relation to the same, the mainstream culture or civilization. This problem is common to any form of co-existence. Many disciplines may converge and contribute to this topic, including human geography, archaeology, cultural anthropology, together with the history of pedagogy and of political theories. History shows that all human societies are cases of osmosis, of “metabolism” between an inside and an outside, between identical and different, between local and foreign. These dynamics would also explain the evolution of human forms of social aggregations as symbolic places for the composition of this fragmented plurality. In this perspective it is possible to locate the issue of the most desirable models for human subjectivity and for styles of life, which represent an important chapter of the history of ideas from Plato to the humanistic thought of Renaissance, from Spinoza to Kant and Hegel, through the most recent debate.

A third field of research is the study of the decisional processes and of the rules and the institutions that all organized and economically productive co-existence requires, and has always required, in order to regulate, if not prevent, conflicts and tensions. From the ancient polis to contemporary Western societies, all experiences of human connivance have faced some kind of “conflict of values” between liberty and equality, privilege and justice, recreational and utilitarian dimensions of life. This is even more so today, in an epic of the “end of great narratives” (Lyotard, Derrida), when collective life is no longer founded on a unique, communitarian metaphysical ethos. On the contrary, it is founded on the individual freedom to choose any personal system of values. Today the conflict is not only justified by the traditional economic and political causes, but also by ethical and symbolic motivations. This conflict is in particular shown in the form of the competition between the many bodies that elaborate and offer meanings of live on frontiers such as bio-ethics, ecology, and sustainable development. The relationship between ethical and religious pluralism on the one hand, and neutrality on the other, of public life constitutes a cutting edge topic of research, which involves many dimensions of co-existence today, as is seen from current debates between global intellectuals such as J. Habermas, R. Remond, R. Dawkins, C. Taylor, M. Nussbaum, M. Gauchet, and E.-W. Boeckenfoerde. In this perspective artistic creativity also plays an important role, as has from ancient times through today, for example in the forms of redesigning the horizons of the city and its relationship to the environment and landscape (urban and civic planning).

Our Doctoral School is open and eager to explore new frontiers in scientific research, theoretical and applied, as well as diachronic and synchronic. It will help deepen the reflection on the human experience of co-existence and its problems to enrich the academic life of our Department and the University at large.

[Attachment B](#)⁷

I, (SURNAME) _____ (NAME) _____

- ask to sit the entrance examination in the country where I currently reside:

by phone interview

by teleconference (specify technical details: _____)

- For this purpose, I shall sit the examination at:

the University of _____

the Institute of _____

the Italian Embassy in _____

LOCATED IN

Address		No.	Zip Code
Town / City	COUNTRY		
TELEPHONE			

- I declare under my own responsibility that I will be identified by⁸:

SURNAME _____

FIRST NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

QUALIFICATION _____

Date _____

Signature _____

⁷ To be filled by the foreign candidates asking to take the exam in their Country.

⁸ The person who will identify the candidate CANNOT BE the candidate him/herself.

ADMISSION APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS:

Admission application attachments:

- Photocopy of the applicant's ID or passport.
- The degree certificate or degree self-certification (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 concerning EU citizens), with a list of the examinations successfully passed and scores obtained in each examination. Except for the candidates who should not have gained the degree within the application deadline as provided in art. 2 of the announcement.
For those candidates who have a foreign qualification that has not already been officially recognized as equivalent to an Italian degree: translation into English of the degree certificate with exams taken and grades obtained, all signed by the applicant, in order to enable the Doctoral School Committee to declare its equivalence, for the sole purpose of being admitted to this selection.
- One research project proposal concerning one of the two specialised programmes on the topic **Spaces, Forms and Symbols of Human Co-existence** (see the attached text of the project); candidates who wish to be considered for one of the scholarships reserved (one on the topic 3D modelling in archaeological record and research, one on the topic "Environment and landscape of hilltop sites in Trentino region (Archaeological area)" and the third one on Antonio Rosmini and his thought) should present a project concerning the chosen topic.
Each candidate can forward only one project of research proposal.
- Curriculum vitae et studiorum.
- Any certificates of knowledge of foreign languages (e.g. TOEFL, Proficiency Certificate or other).
- Any other documents that could be useful for the evaluation (publications, grants, awards, period research etc).
- Attachment B should be filled only by the candidates wishing to enter the admission exam abroad.