

## Call for Expressions of Interest: Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowships

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The School of International Studies (SIS - [www.ssi.unitn.it](http://www.ssi.unitn.it)) at the University of Trento (Italy) encourages expressions of interest from excellent postdoctoral researchers to apply, jointly with a research supervisor from SIS, to the European Commission Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship Scheme.

Selected candidates will be offered both academic and administrative support from SIS faculty and the University Research Office with regards to proposal development.

### **The Marie Skłodowska Curie Action Funding Scheme**

The Marie Skłodowska Curie Action is a funding scheme that supports researcher mobility: Individual Fellowships may last 12-24 months to pursue a research project, advanced training and knowledge exchange at the host institution (SIS). It offers a competitive salary, mobility and family allowances, plus a research budget.

Applicants are expected to have an excellent CV and a strong publication record. They must hold a PhD (or have four years full time research experience) and must not have spent more than 12 months in Italy in the three years prior to the call deadline. No nationality requirements apply.

Full details on the funding scheme and the application process can be found [here](#). The final deadline for applications is 9 September 2020 at 17:00:00.

### **The School of International Studies**

The School of International Studies (SIS) was established in 2001 at the University of Trento as an advanced institute of interdisciplinary studies and has become a leading institution for graduate teaching and research in international studies. Its faculty members bring together expertise from disciplines such as economics, law, politics, sociology, history and philosophy. SIS offers two Master's degrees (European and International Studies; International Security Studies) and a Ph.D. program in International Studies.

### **Main Research Areas at the SIS**

The School of International Studies builds on the diverse disciplinary backgrounds of its faculty to develop a wide portfolio of multidisciplinary research programs addressing the challenges associated with the processes of globalization and European integration. The complexity of modern societies implies that no single disciplinary approach is sufficient to understand the rapid social, political, economic and institutional changes currently occurring both in Europe and worldwide. As such, the School especially welcomes proposals that are able to cross disciplinary boundaries and leverage upon existing research by the faculty.

Research activities at SIS revolve around three main broad topics (for more information see the dedicated [webpage](#) on the SIS website):

1. The social, political, institutional and economic implications of a globally interconnected world. This area covers, among other issues, the behavior of firms in international markets; EU trade policy; the rise of China and its political and economic effects; global environmental politics; the evolution of labor and human rights; global history.
2. International relations and security, and their interaction with technology and innovation. For instance, this covers the (non)proliferation of non-conventional weapons and technologies, including WMDs, autonomous and space-related systems; cyber security; the use of technology in border control and more generally border studies; international humanitarian law and natural resources; international history, relationship between state, territory, and identity, ethno-territorial politics, transnational social movements, EU external relations.
3. The tension between integration and disintegration in Europe, including the relationship between voting patterns and European economic integration; populism, EU institutions and their reactions; minority rights in Europe; the role of Europe in the world.

## Steps to Follow and Important Dates

- by **22 June 2020**, please express your interest by sending i) the [application form](#) containing a 2-page summary of your research proposal; ii) a **CV** (max. 2 pages plus full list of publications); iii) a **cover letter**; iv) a copy of a valid ID or passport. Please submit your candidature to [msca.sis@unitn.it](mailto:msca.sis@unitn.it), specifying 'MSCA at SIS' in the subject of your e-mail;
- **selected applicants** will be **notified by 6 July 2020** and invited to prepare their full proposal in collaboration with a SIS supervisor;
- a **complete draft** of the application must be ready **by 30 July 2020**;
- the **final version** of the project **MUST** be completed by **28 August 2020**. If this is not the case, the SIS retains the right to withdraw its support for the proposal.

In July, the School of International Studies will organize remotely a training session for the selected applicants, providing them with guidelines on how to prepare a successful proposal, and giving them the possibility to discuss the details of the proposal and meet potential supervisors.