



# CALL FOR APPLICANTS

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PhD Programme in

COMPARATIVE AND EUROPEAN LEGAL STUDIES

Cycle 38

Academic Year 2022-2023

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N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector's Decree n. 496 of May 25, 2022 is legally binding, the English version is provided for information only.



## Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The University of Trento announces the 38<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Doctoral Programme in “Comparative and European Legal Studies” for the academic year 2022/2023.

The Doctoral Programme operates in collaboration with numerous foreign institutions, institutes and universities. The updated list is available on the web page: <https://www.unitn.it/drgce/28/soggetti-partecipanti>.

**Places:** n. 9

**Scholarships:** n. 7, funded by the University of Trento

The number of places covered by scholarships and/or by internship contracts and by other potential financial support may be increased by funds from other universities, public research bodies or prestigious private companies, that become available after the publication of this announcement and before the evaluation of research proposal. Such occurrence will be communicated on line, and nowhere else, on the [announcement webpage](#).

**Information about the scholarship:** <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1937/>

**Deadline for application:** June 30, 2022, 4:00 p.m. Italian time

**Duration:** 3 years

**Beginning of the academic year:** November 1, 2022

**Head of School:** prof. Gian Antonio Benacchio  
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**Doctorate website:** <http://web.unitn.it/en/drgce>

**Information on the call:** <https://www.unitn.it/en/node/1966/>

**Rights and duties of PhD students:** <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/52919/>

**Official languages of the PhD Programme:** Italian

**Curricula and disciplinary areas:**

1. *Curriculum* in “**Private Law, Comparative Private Law and Commercial Law**”, it includes four areas:  
Private law  
Comparative private law  
Economic analysis of law  
Commercial law
2. *Curriculum* in “**Administrative, constitutional and international law**”, it includes three areas:  
Administrative law  
Constitutional law  
International law  
Tax law
3. *Curriculum* in “**Criminal law and procedure and Philosophy of law**”, it includes three areas:  
Criminal law  
Criminal procedural law  
Philosophy of law
4. *Curriculum* in “**History of Roman law and of the European legal thought**”, it includes two areas:  
Roman law  
History of the European legal thought
5. *Curriculum* in “**Substantive and procedural labour law**”, it includes two areas:  
Labour law  
Civil procedural law

**Scientific Areas:**

IUS/01 PRIVATE LAW  
IUS/02 COMPARATIVE PRIVATE LAW  
IUS/04 COMMERCIAL LAW  
IUS/05 ECONOMICS LAW  
IUS/07 LABOUR LAW  
IUS/08 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
IUS/09 INSTITUTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW



IUS/10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW  
IUS/12 - TAX LAW  
IUS/13 INTERNATIONAL LAW  
IUS/15 CIVIL PROCEDURAL LAW  
IUS/16 CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL LAW  
IUS/17 CRIMINAL LAW  
IUS/18 ROMAN LAW AND ANTIQUITY LAW  
IUS/19 HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL AND MODERN LAW  
IUS/20 PHILOSOPHY OF LAW  
IUS/21 COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW

## IMPORTANT

The results of the selection process will be published on the [selection's webpage](#), alongside the list of applicants (using their application ID) that are not admitted to the selection after a formal check or after the evaluation of the foreign qualification.

No personal note will be sent to excluded candidates, the online ranking list will be the only official information.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the following articles 5 co. 6 and 6 co. 3 of this announcement, any notifications relating to the application will be sent by email to the address linked to the account registered on the system at the moment the application is closed. For candidates who have just completed or have ongoing work at the University of Trento, please check that the email address is correct at this link: [Profile data](#). If changes to personal contact details are necessary once the application has closed, please advise the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities ([phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)).

## Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applications for admission to the selection process are accepted from candidates regardless of gender, age and nationality, who hold:
  - an Italian "Laurea Specialistica o Magistrale" (Master's Degree) according to Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1999, as amended by Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22 October 2004, or a university degree awarded under the previous Italian regulations;
  - or a second level degree awarded by an Italian "AFAM" Institute (Artistic and Musical Higher Education);
  - or an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad (Master's Degree) at a recognized academic institution, which:
    - allows access to an equivalent PhD course in the country/higher education system of origin (unless substantial differences are encountered);
    - is equivalent to the Italian Laurea magistrale (Master's Degree), in terms of duration, level and subject area<sup>1</sup>;
    - is considered suitable<sup>2</sup> by the Admission Committee for the sole purpose of the admission to the PhD Programme.
- Applications are also accepted from candidates who don't hold the required degree but expect to obtain their degree/equivalent qualification abroad, **by September 30, 2022**. In this case admission is "conditional" and applicants must submit the degree certificate (or a self-declaration, see [Form A](#)) to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (email: [phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it); fax n. +39 0461 282191) no later than **October 4, 2022**. Failure to provide the certificate will lead to **exclusion**.
- It's in the applicant's best interest to provide all elements necessary for evaluation, especially if the higher education system of the country where the title was obtained is not comparable with the Italian one.

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to ask applicants to provide additional documentation, if deemed necessary to be considered for the selection.
- Applicants who have already obtained a doctoral degree can be admitted to the Doctoral Programme upon successful participation to the selection process and only if both subjects and the research area of the Doctoral Programme are different from the previous PhD Programme. If a PhD student has already been awarded a PhD scholarship in the past (even for one month only) for a Doctoral programme in Italy, he/she cannot receive a Doctoral scholarship again<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> For more information on the Italian University system visit the webpage: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/study/new-degrees.html>

<sup>2</sup> The eligibility of the foreign qualifications is assessed by the Admission Committee in accordance with the legislation in force and with international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for continuing the studies.

<sup>3</sup> [Parere del CUN dd 20/03/2008](#) (Sessione n.19 del 18/03/2008); Nota MIUR dd 14/09/2010 n. 1746; art. 6 co. 2 della legge n. 398 del 1989 "Norme in materia di borse di studio universitarie".



5. The list of candidates (identified by ID number) whose academic degree awarded abroad has been considered not eligible for the admission selection by the Admission Committee will be published on the [selection's webpage](#).

## Art. 3 – THE DOCTORATE PROGRAMME

1. The first year of the PhD Programme includes a minimum of 60 hours of seminars which are common to all curricula, on the following topics: Legal interpretation, Science and methodology of comparative law, European law, and miscellaneous topics.
2. The programme for the second and third year is structured within each curriculum and consists in cycles of seminars on more specific topics. In particular, in the second year, each PhD student shall participate in seminars and lectures for a total of 40 hours, of which at least 15 are organized by the PhD Programme. Each PhD student shall organize and discuss within the PhD Programme of a seminar on a subject relevant to the student's PhD thesis. In the third year, each PhD student shall participate in seminars for a total of 20 hours, of which at least 15 are organized by the PhD Programme. Besides the teaching initiatives offered by the PhD Programme, PhD students are expected to participate to conferences or seminars inside or outside the Faculty of Law. Acknowledgement of these activities is subject to validation.
3. From the second year onwards, PhD students are required to spend one or more research periods at foreign institutions. The overall period of study abroad, to be carried out between the second and third year, must be at least six months, not necessarily continuously. PhD students without scholarship or for other specific reasons may be exempted from this obligation.
4. More information on the learning programme is detailed on the webpage <https://www.unitn.it/drsqce/51/percorso-formativo>.

## Art. 4 – APPLICATION

4. Applications must be definitely and positively submitted by **4:00 p.m. (Italian time) of June 30, 2022**, exclusively through the online system: <https://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott>.

The online enrolment procedure can be accessed in the following ways<sup>4</sup>:

- access with **SPID** (Public Digital Identification System): to access the enrolment procedure candidates are advised to use SPID. This automatically certifies the identity of the applicant for UniTrento systems and allows a @unitn.it account to be created.  
To request the SPID identity (which is useful for accessing different online public administration services) please see the website: <https://www.spid.gov.it/richiedi-spid>
- access with a **UniTrento account**: for those who do not have SPID identity but already have a University of Trento account can access the enrolment procedure with their existing username (name.surname@guest.unitn.it or name.surname@unitn.it).  
If you have a UniTrento account but do not remember the password: <https://icts.unitn.it/password>.  
For details on UniTrento username and password: <https://icts.unitn.it/account-password>.
- registering a UniTrento **"guest" account**: those who do not have a SPID identity or a University of Trento account can set up a temporary "guest" account. After University matriculation the guest account will be converted into a definitive @unitn.it account.

To set up a guest account: <https://webapps.unitn.it/Registration/>

2. Participation in the selection process is subject to the payment of a non-reimbursable application fee of **€15.00**, by **PagoPA<sup>5</sup> system**, as indicated in the appropriate section of the application ('Selection participation fee').
3. **Candidates will be considered totally responsible** of the successful submission of their application online. Administration highly recommends candidates to make sure to have received the notification email confirming that their application has been successfully completed and submitted.

**UniTrento refuses any responsibility for all those application online not properly closed by candidates.**

4. Incomplete or irregular applications, or applications transmitted in ways other than those set out in this article, shall not be considered valid and candidates will consequently be excluded from selection process.
5. All applicants are admitted to the selection conditionally upon ascertaining that they fulfill the admission requirements.

The University of Trento has the right to verify the documents delivered pursuant to articles 71 et seq. of the Presidential Decree n. 445 of the 28 December 2000.

<sup>4</sup> Candidates are invited to not wait until the last few days before the deadline for the submission of the application. In order to get login information, and therefore access the online application portal, it could take up to three full working days.

<sup>5</sup> More information at: <https://www.unitn.it/phd-pagopa>



6. A candidate whose degree submitted does not satisfy the requirements specified in the art. 2 or the information provided in the application is not true, may be excluded at any time - from the selective procedure or even after enrolment and the beginning of the PhD course.
7. According to Italian Law n. 104/92, Art. 20 and to Italian Law n. 68/99, Art. 16 (1), applicants with special needs or with learning disabilities, in accordance with their particular disability may explicitly request in their application special assistance or extra time during the examinations. In this case personal data will be processed in compliance with the current law as indicated in the GDPR Privacy notice (see art. 11).
8. For all purposes in law, the application is considered to be a self-declaration of personal details and information provided.
9. Candidates can apply only for one of the specialized curricula of the Doctoral Programme.
10. **MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS** (candidates will be excluded from the selection process if one or more of the obligatory attachments are missing)<sup>6</sup>:
  - a) **Identity document (ID)**: a copy of the identity card (for EU citizens) or of the passport (limited to the pages that include the photo, personal details, signature, number, date and place of issue, expiry date);
  - b) Copy of the **university degree**:

- **applicants with an Italian degree:**

- a self-declaration (by using [Form A](#)), according to the Presidential Decree Article 46 n. 445 of 28 December 2000 and later amendments, stating the possession of the degree (see Art. 2), type of degree, conferral date, issuing University, final grade, list of exams, date taken, credits (if available) and grades obtained.

**Applicants from the University of Trento must only declare the degree date. The University of Trento will provide any additional information about the applicant's qualifications.**

*The following two points refer to Italian degree applicants who have not yet obtained their degree, who expect to complete it by 30 September 2022 and therefore "conditionally" admitted to the selection:*

- a certificate of enrolment, list of exams, date taken, credits and grades obtained with the expected degree conferral date by using [Form A](#)

**Applicants from the University of Trento must only declare the degree expected date. The University of Trento will provide any additional information about the applicant's qualifications.**

- a letter signed by the thesis supervisor or other academic responsible, stating that the degree is expected to be acquired by the candidate by **30 September 2022**.

- **applicants with a foreign degree:**

- a degree's certificate, stating the 2<sup>nd</sup> level degree obtainment (see art. 2 co.1 lett. c.), provided by the University which issued the degree, specifying the type of degree, the graduation date and the related score;
- list of exams (academic transcript of records of Master's degree) with credits (if provided) and mark with the related Rating Scale; if the university course is divided into first and second levels, then also the first level degree certificate (Bachelor's degree) and the transcript of records of Bachelor's degree should preferably be attached.

If the language of the above-mentioned documents is different from English, the applicant will have to submit a translation in Italian or in English, which can be done by the candidate under her/his own responsibility, in order to allow the Admission Committee to evaluate the eligibility of the certificate, for the sole purpose of participating in this admissions process.

In addition, if available, also the following documents:

- academic degree (diploma) of the required title (Master of Science/Art or equivalent) in the original language;
- *Diploma Supplement*<sup>7</sup> (according to the model developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES), or;

<sup>6</sup> At web page <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1966/> will be published the ID candidates list not admitted to the selection because of incomplete applications.

<sup>7</sup> The Diploma Supplement is a document attached to the final qualification, intended to improve international "transparency" and to facilitate academic and professional qualification recognition (diplomas, degrees, certificates etc.). The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution which has given the diploma. See: <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/diploma-supplement.aspx>.



- *Declaration of value*<sup>8</sup> which certifies that the educational qualification is valid in the country of achievement for being admitted to Doctoral programme (third level of higher education according to the Bologna Process - European Higher Education Area; EQF level 8), or;
- the *Statement of comparability - university qualification*<sup>9</sup> awarded by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the information necessary for the evaluation of the qualification.

If the foreign academic qualification has already been recognized as equivalent<sup>10</sup> to a second cycle Italian qualification **by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities**, the equivalence provision (Rectoral Decree) must be attached in the appropriate section of the online application.

**The following two points refer to foreign degree applicants who have not yet obtained their degree, who expect to complete it by 30 September 2022 and are therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection:**

- a certificate of enrolment of the Master's Programme (see Article 2 paragraph 1 letter c), with the list of the exams taken, the related credits (if provided) the corresponding mark and the Rating Scale (Academic Transcript of Records); if the university course is divided into first and second levels, then also the first level degree certificate (Bachelor's degree) and the transcript of records of Bachelor's degree should preferably be attached.

If the language of the above-mentioned documents is different from English, the applicant will have to submit a translation in Italian or in English, which can be done by the candidate under her/his own responsibility, in order to allow the Admission Committee to evaluate the eligibility of the certificate, for the sole purpose of participating in this admissions process.

- a letter signed by the thesis supervisor or other academic responsible, stating that the degree is expected to be acquired by the candidate by **30 September 2022**.

- c) a **certificate** attesting the candidate's **knowledge of one foreign language among English, French, German, or Spanish** at minimum B2 level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - CEFR)<sup>11</sup>.

The candidate must attach:

- a certificate issued by an internationally recognized institute<sup>12</sup>;
- alternatively a certificate attesting to the required language level issued by a certifying institute or a university;
- alternatively a statement issued by the university that awarded the degree (Bachelor's and/or Master's Degree) certifying that the official language of instruction of the attended and completed course of study is either English, or French, or German, or Spanish.

If you are a citizen of a country in which the official language is one of the above-mentioned, or if you are a native English, French, German, or Spanish speaker, you must declare your status in the "*Language knowledge*" section of the online application.

Applicants have to submit only one research project proposal, filling in the "*Specialized curriculum and Research proposal*" section of the online application, taking care of organizing the project proposal according to the following points:

- Research proposal title (max 500 characters);
- abstract (max 1.500 characters);
- aims of the project (max 5.000 characters);
- originality of the candidate's project compared to the current status of the research in the chosen field (max 8.000 characters);
- methodology and timing of the research (max 3.000 characters);
- essential and annotated bibliography (max 5.000 characters).

#### 11. **OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**

<sup>8</sup> See: <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/glossario.aspx>; <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-07.html>.

<sup>9</sup> The University of Trento has signed an agreement with the CIMEA Association for the evaluation and verification services of foreign qualifications through the use of the Diplome platform. For the issue of ENIC-NARIC certificates, the University of Trento has activated a collaboration with CIMEA. Further information is available at: <https://international.unitn.it/incoming/diploma-verification>.

<sup>10</sup> Details at <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/pil-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/qualifiche-del-sistema-universitario.aspx>

<sup>11</sup> <https://europa.eu/europass/it/common-european-framework-reference>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.cla.unitn.it/en/780/certificates-do-you-have-a-certificate>





- certificates proving the applicant's knowledge of other foreign languages, other than the ones required in the mandatory annexes (art. 4, paragraph 10, letter c).

If candidates have to upload further documents after the complete closing of their online application procedure, they are required to deliver additional documents **until the deadline of the Call** to the following email address: [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it) (please state in the email subject: "Application ID – Candidate's Surname and Name – PhD Programme in Comparative and European legal studies - 38<sup>th</sup> cycle – supplement to application"). Additional materials which are not delivered using the specified method shall not be accepted.

## Art. 5 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Upon hearing the Doctoral Programme Committee the Rector appoints the Admissions Committee. It consists of at least three members chosen among Italian and foreign professors and researchers, who are experts in the scientific areas of the Doctorate. The Committee may also include up to two experts, even foreign, of public and private national and international research organizations.
2. The selection process is designed to assess the candidate's basic knowledge and aptitude towards research in the chosen specific scientific area.
3. The selection procedure shall be based on:
  - an evaluation of the research proposal according to art. 4 co.10. The Commission will take into consideration, in particular, the analytical and methodological skills of the candidate, the clarity and coherence of the project with the objective pursued, the rigour of the presentation and the language, the ability of the candidate to articulate a critical reasoning, the correct methodological approach of the project, the identification of the main bibliographical references, attention to the profiles of legal comparison.
  - knowledge of any additional foreign languages as per the optional documentation attached according to art. 4, paragraph 11;
  - an oral examination to assess the knowledge, previous research experience and motivation of the candidate(s). It may concern either the research project presented or one of the subjects of the chosen curriculum. The graduation Thesis, the methodology followed and the results obtained will also be discussed and assessed. The interview will take place, at the candidate's discretion, in Italian or in English. The PhD course will be mainly in Italian; candidates whose mother tongue is not Italian are required to have a knowledge of Italian, which will be verified during the oral test.
4. The Admissions Committee shall award up to 120 points, partitioned in the following way:
  - 35 points for the evaluation of the research project;
  - 5 points for the evaluation of any additional linguistic knowledge (with respect to what is required in art. 4, paragraph 10, letter c);
  - 80 points for the oral examination.

In order to be admitted to the oral examination, candidates are expected to reach the minimum threshold of 25/40 in the assessment of the research project and of any additional linguistic knowledge (with respect to what is required in art. 4, paragraph 10, letter c).

The oral exam will be passed if the candidate scores at least 45 out of 80 points.

5. The outcomes of the assessment of the research project and of any additional linguistic knowledge (with respect to what is required in art. 4, paragraph 10, letter c) and of the oral exam will be available on the [selection web site](#)<sup>13</sup>.
6. The interview may take place in one of two modalities (at the candidate's choice):
  - a) at the University of Trento. Applicants are requested to show a valid ID document before the interview begins. Should the candidate fail to attend the interview for whatever reason this will be considered as renunciation of participation in the selection procedure;
  - b) by videoconference by using audio-video connection devices that allow the correct identification of the participants (by webcam) and the carrying out of the interview in public. The starting time of the interviews will be scheduled by the Commission. Candidates must provide the same identification document attached to the application form. Failure to participate on the day or at the appointed time, or not providing ID documents will result in exclusion from the competition. The University accepts no responsibility in the case of technical problems that do not guarantee the proper conduct of the interview.

Information regarding the date, time and place (University of Trento, if in presence) at which the interview will be held will be provided at least 20 days prior to the date of the interview on the [competition website](#).

<sup>13</sup> The chosen candidates will be listed using their Application ID.



Any changes to the date of the interviews will be published on the same website.

## Art. 6 – RANKING

1. The Committee draws up a merit-based ranking according to the scores obtained by the applicants from the research project assessment and the evaluation of any additional linguistic knowledge (with respect to what is required in art. 4, paragraph 10, letter c) and the oral examination.
2. Scholarship will be awarded according to the ranking position.
3. The ranked list (using candidates' application IDs) will be published on the [selection website](#).

**By publishing the ranking, notification concerning the selection results is considered fulfilled.**

Successful candidates will not receive any personal notification.

## Art. 7 – ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE POSITION

1. Candidates will be admitted to the PhD Programme according to their position in the ranking, until all the available places are filled.
2. Should two candidates obtain the same score:
  - as regards the awarding of the scholarship, the candidates' economic situations shall be the deciding actor, in accordance with the criteria established by the D.P.C.M. 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.
3. If a successful candidate withdraws before the beginning of the Programme (1<sup>st</sup> November 2022), the next candidate in the ranking list will be offered the place.

This candidate is expected to accept the offer within 8 days from the day after having received the notice from the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities.

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

4. Admitted applicants must accept the offer submitting the online application available at the [related webpage](#):
  - **within 8 days** starting from the next day of the publication of the ranking list on the announcement webpage if awarded a position with scholarship;
  - **within 14 days** starting from the next day of the publication of the ranking list on the announcement webpage if awarded a position without scholarship.
5. Admitted applicants with a qualification that has not been awarded in Italy must deliver to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities, in advance by fax (+39 0461 282191), or email ([phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)) if they had not already done so during the application phase – “Application procedure”, the following documents **by November 8, 2022**:
  - original or certified copy of the **academic diploma of the Master degree** (Master of Science/Arts or equivalent) **together with the academic transcript of records**, possible official translations<sup>14</sup>, legalized<sup>15</sup> or with an apostille affixed (*verify the fulfillment of the requirements set by the issuing country of the title*);
  - **Diploma Supplement** (if provided for by the university where the title was issued, it is commonly used within the member countries of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA));  
*alternatively*
  - **Declaration of Value** issued by the Italian diplomatic or consular representations country of origin of the institution that issued the title;  
*alternatively*
  - **Statement of comparability of foreign university qualifications** issued by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA<sup>16</sup>) that contains all the information necessary for the assessment of the qualification.

In case the Diploma Supplement, or the Declaration of Value, or the Statement of comparability are not available by November 8, 2022, admitted applicants must deliver a document showing that they asked the University/the Italian diplomatic or consular representations/the ENIC-NARIC center for the documents to be issued. Admission to the Doctoral Programme for successful candidates who do not provide the required above-mentioned documents by November 8, 2022 will be “conditional” and the applicants will be excluded from the Doctoral Programme if:

<sup>14</sup> Details at: <https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/servizi/italiani-all'estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti.html>

<sup>15</sup> Details at: <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-13.html>

<sup>16</sup> For the assessment and verification services of foreign qualifications through the use of the Diplome platform, see: <https://international.unitn.it/incoming/diploma-verification>





- they do not deliver the documents within 6 months from the starting date of the Programme;
- upon verification, their title is not in compliance with the requirements of this call for selection.

Forfeiture from the course will result in the obligation to return any monthly scholarship money received.

## Art. 8 - ENROLMENT ON THE PHD PROGRAMME

1. The official registration in the doctorate, limited to short-listed candidates who have accepted the position according to the procedures in the preceding article, will automatically be made official as soon as the PhD Programmes requirements verification by the Ministry of Education, University and Research for the a.y. 2022-2023 has been completed.

In case of no conferrable accreditation, candidates who have accepted the position will receive a timely notification via email and the fee for the Right to Education (TDS) will be refunded.

2. To complete the enrolment, the candidate who has obtained the qualification abroad, upon arrival in Italy, will have to show the official documents (in original or copy conforming to the original), relating to the academic path, already anticipated in a scanned form in phase of admission to the competition or during the matriculation process, to allow the appropriate verification of the validity of the qualifications, also through the national information centers on the recognition of foreign securities belonging to the ENIC-NARIC network. Until such time candidates are admitted to the course with reserve and may be excluded if they do not meet the requirements.

## Art. 9 - EUROPEAN DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The Doctorate will be recognised on a European level if the requirements specified by the declaration of the Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences, concurred at the Salamanca Convention in 1991, are satisfied.

In particular:

- a) the Doctoral thesis defence will be accorded if at least two professors belonging to two different institutions of higher education placed in two different European countries, other than the one where the thesis will be defended, have given their judgement concerning the manuscript;
- b) at least one of the members of the Examination Committee should be a professor coming from one of the two European Countries. The Country cannot be the one where the Doctoral thesis will be defended;
- c) a part of the defence must be held in one of the official languages different from the one(s) of the country, where the Doctoral thesis will be defended;
- d) a part of the time devoted to the completion of the thesis will be the result of a period of research spent in a European universities or research centres collaborating with the Doctoral Programme for at least one trimester.

## Art. 10 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ON RESEARCH RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Without prejudice to the Italian law on copyright (legislative decree 633/1941 and subsequent amendments), intellectual and industrial property rights on the results eventually achieved by the student, including (but not limited to) software, industrial inventions patentable or not, know-how, models, data and data collection, are regulated in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations and, if necessary, according to the provisions in the individual agreements with universities, companies or entities involved<sup>17</sup>.
2. Before the start of the research activity, the PhD student is required to sign a specific declaration of commitment to confidentiality in relation to the information, data and documents of a confidential nature that he / she may become aware of in carrying out his / her activity at and / or on behalf of the University. If the research is funded by private or public entities other than the University, the PhD student is required to sign a specific declaration, to allow the University to comply with the obligations regarding intellectual property towards the funding body and possibly a confidentiality agreement with the funding body, if required.

## Art. 11 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

1. Pursuant to art. 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation), applicants are advised that the University will process their personal data in the public interest only for purposes related to the present PhD selection procedure.
2. The **controller** of the data processing is the University of Trento (hereinafter "University"), legal headquarters in via Calepina, 14, 38122 Trento (Italy), emails: [ateneo@pec.unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@pec.unitn.it); [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it). The Data Protection Officer (DPO or RPD) can be contacted at the following email address: [rpdp@unitn.it](mailto:rpdp@unitn.it)

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.unitn.it/en/ricerca/1767/protection-and-valorisation-of-intellectual-property>



3. The processing of personal data will be carried out, wholly or in part also by automated means and/or electronically by staff authorised to process data in accordance with their assigned tasks and duties, in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, adequacy, relevance and necessity. The personal data provision is a mandatory requirement for participation in the selection procedure. The provision of data related to health and disabilities is not mandatory, but failure in providing entails the impossibility for the University to grant the access to services and to the requested support.
4. At any time, the rights as per art. 15 and seq. of GDPR (access, rectification, erasure, restriction, objection) can be obtained by the controller, without prejudice to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority.
5. The complete GDPR Privacy notice is available at: [Privacy and data protection](#).

## **Art. 12 – REGULATIONS**

1. For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present announcement, please refer to Law no. 398 of 30 November 1989, to art. 4 of Law n. 210 of 3 July 1998 as amended in Art. 19, paragraph 1, of the Law of 30 December 2010, n. 240, to the Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14 December 2021, to the University Regulations on Doctorates of Research of the University of Trento issued with the Rector's Decree n. 250 of 11 March 2022, to the Students Honor Code issued with the Rector's Decree n. 416 of 13 June 2016 and to the Internal Regulations for the Doctoral Programme in Comparative and European Legal Studies approved by the Board of the Faculty of Law on 18th May 2022 and subsequent amendments and to other relevant provisions contained in the existing regulations.
2. The call will be published on the University of Trento, Euraxess and MIUR websites. Potential changes or improvements to the call will be published at the webpage to art. 1 of this call.
3. Any changes or additions to this Call will be published on the [announcement webpage](#) listed in art.1.