Confidential Reference Form   
for the PhD Programme in International Studies  
School of International Studies (SIS),   
University of Trento, Italy

Applicant's Name:

Dear Referee,  
Thank you for providing a reference to assist our selection process. This reference will be held strictly confidential and only used within the School of International Studies (SIS) for assessment purposes. We are particularly interested in your view of the applicant's suitability to advanced study and research and their potential for success in their chosen field. Please return the form as soon as possible and no later than 16 May 2025.

**General Appraisal**  
Please evaluate the applicant's strengths and weaknesses and potential for success in the PhD programme. Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary.

**Knowledge of Applicant**  
Please describe how you know the applicant (e.g., as a professor or supervisor) and the duration of your acquaintance.

**Applicant Ranking**  
How would you rate the applicant's aptitude for PhD-level studies and research relative to peers in the same field you've encountered in recent years?

* Top 5%
* Top 10%
* Top 25%
* Top 50%
* Lower 50%

**Reference Group for Comparison:**

**Specific Abilities**

How would you rate the applicant regarding the following attributes? (mark one in each row)

| **Attribute** | **Outstanding** | **Very Good** | **Average** | **Below Average** | **Unable to Observe** |
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| Intellectual Ability |  |  |  |  |  |
| Knowledge of the Field |  |  |  |  |  |
| Motivation for Study/Research |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oral Expression in English |  |  |  |  |  |
| Written Expression in English |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industriousness |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capacity to Work in a Group |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overall Rating |  |  |  |  |  |

**Reference Group for Comparison:**

**Admission Recommendation**

* Highly recommend
* Recommend
* Recommend with reservations
* Do not recommend

**Referee Details**

Name:   
Position (Academic):  
Department:  
Institution:  
Address:  
Email:

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