



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS RESERVED FOR CITIZENS OF ANY OF THE EU MEMBER STATES
FOR ADMISSION TO THE

**Ph.D. PROGRAMME IN
POLITICS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABILITY**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012

Art. 1

(Available Positions)

1. The Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (Sant'Anna School for Advanced Studies) of Pisa, hereinafter referred to as the "School", announces **4 positions** for EU citizens for the three-year Ph.D. Programme in Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability for the Academic Year 2011–2012.
2. The School may also admit eligible candidates without grants up to a maximum number of **2** positions. They will take part in the Programme at their own expense but they will not pay any tuition fees. Admission is decided by a Selection Committee appointed by the Director of the School.
3. If additional funds are available before the beginning of the Programme, the number of positions supported by grants may be increased by the School.
4. The Ph.D. Programme in "**Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability**" provides an interdisciplinary approach to the subjects and emphasises current problems by defining the protection and promotion of human rights.

The Programme consists in the following Research Areas (curricula):

- Identity, rights and conflicts in political theory;
- Conflict and political systems in international relations;
- International and European political economy;
- Institutions and mechanisms for protecting human rights: outlines of International Law;
- Rights and social capital in the regional development policies;
- Agrarian Law, Environmental Law and Sustainable Development of the Land.

Art. 2

(Participation Requirements)

1. Eligible applicants must have a **Master of Science (MSc) degree or the equivalent**. Applicants should not be older than 35 on **October 25, 2011**. Candidates older than 35 may be admitted by the Examination Committee after evaluating the experience gained.
2. Current undergraduate students, who will obtain their M.Sc. degree before **December 22, 2011**, may also apply. In this case, successful application will be conditional to the subsequent completion of their degree. The transmission to the School of the required documentation must occur no later than **December 29, 2011**.

Art. 3

(Applications)

1. Candidates are requested to apply online **by October 25, 2011**. If there is a problem with the online application, please contact the PhD Administration Office (telephone +39-050-883.383/336, e-mail infophd@sssup.it).

2. A hardcopy of the application (signed by the candidate) together with the **enclosures, as per art. 3**, must reach the “Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Servizi di Supporto alla Formazione, Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33 – 56127 Pisa” within **October 27, 2011**. The line “PhD Application in Politics, Human rights and Sustainability” must be written on the envelope.

4. The application must include:

- a) family name, first name, place and date of birth, and nationality;
- b) declaration that the candidate has never been convicted of a criminal offence or that she/he has no pending criminal proceedings;
- c) declaration that the candidate is in possession of an academic degree, as per Article 2 above. The application should also specify the degree title, years of study and the name of the University or University Institute which awarded the degree. For degrees obtained out of Italy, candidates are asked to declare that the degree is equivalent to a degree awarded by Italian Universities and provided details; the Examination Committee establishes the equivalency only for competition purposes;
- d) the academic year in which the candidate started his/her undergraduate studies;
- e) the graduation date and mark;
- f) the curriculum selected among the six available;
- g) the permanent address and the mailing address where applicants wish to receive notices and documents. Applicants should immediately contact the School if their addresses change;
- h) their email address, which is compulsory for competition purposes.**

5. Applicants with disabilities are requested to specify the type of aid required to take the examination in order to set up suitable arrangements. They should also specify if they need any additional time.

6. The School will not accept incomplete applications. The paper documents required must be received within the terms and according to the procedures set out in paragraph 1 and 2 of this Article.

7. The School’s Administration does not assume any responsibility either for missing or late notices resulting either from wrong addresses from the applicant or from late notification of the change of address specified in the application, or for mail delivery problems that cannot be attributed to the School Administration.

Art. 4 (Application Enclosures)

1. Applicants must attach:

- a) a copy of a valid identity document;
- b) two copies of their *Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum*;
- c) any certificate related to this Call (including foreign languages) that they deem suitable;
- d) a detailed list of academic courses taken (written either in English, Italian, French, German or Spanish). This list must contain information regarding the credits and/or units (or the equivalent) and the mark and the date of each course taken;
- e) a copy of their degree thesis OR a copy of any other original piece of scientific research the applicant has produced;
- f) two copies of their research project, of no more than 3,000 words, which describes the research activities that the applicants aim to perform during their PhD course. The research project will include:
 - a title;
 - the scientific premises and relevant bibliography;
 - the aim and expectations of the research project;
 - the experimental methods and data analysis methods which will be used, where required;
- g) at least two reference letters written by faculty members who have supervised the applicant’s work during his/her university studies;
- h) a numbered list of documents attached.

2. Applicants, as per Art. 2 paragraph 2, must specify the subject of their degree thesis and submit two abstracts or one copy of their degree thesis, at least in the form of a final draft, before **October 27, 2011**.

3. Failure to submit the above-mentioned documents within the deadline of **October 27, 2011**, as specified in Art. 3, paragraph 2 above, will result in the candidate’s exclusion from the competition.

Art. 5 (Selection of Applicants)

1. The selection of applicants will be based both upon the assessment of all the submitted documents and publications, and upon an oral interview. The assessment will be on a scale of 1 to 100 points.

2. The Examination Committee, appointed by the Director, will evaluate the submitted publications, including the C.V., as well as the research project (both in terms of quality and relevance with the Ph.D. research

areas) and assign a score between 1 and 70 points. Only applicants who, in the above-mentioned assessment, achieve a score of at least 49/70, will be admitted to the interview.

3. The School will inform **by email** (using the address indicated in the application form) applicants who have been admitted to the interview. The email will contain the score received, as well as the time and date of the final interview.

4. The interview will assign the remaining 30 points. It will deal with the submitted documents and publications and the proposed research project, and may also include a test to assess the level of knowledge of the English language. Applicants should obtain at least 21/30 points in order to be included in the final ranking list. A final minimum score of 70/100 is therefore necessary to successfully pass the examination.

5. In the event that two or more applicants obtain the same score in the ranking list, the School will ask them to produce all the documents necessary to prove the possession of any prior or preferential qualification according to Article 5 of D.P.R. No. 3 of 10.1.1957.

6. The ranking list will be published on the website www.sssup.it no later than **December 15, 2011**

7. The decision of the Committee is final.

8. The admitted candidates will be informed by email of the results of the competition and will be asked to confirm acceptance of the scholarship to infophd@sssup.it within 15 days. If there is no reply by that date, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking list.

Art. 6

(Beginning of the PhD Programme)

1. The PhD Programme will start on **January 19, 2012**.

2. A late start could be allowed to those students who can prove that they have to fulfil their military obligations or to pregnant women and students on maternity leave, as provided by Italian Law No. 53/2000.

3. Awardees who are doing their military service need to show a certificate issued by their military authority, with the expected date of completion.

4. Awardees who will be in the conditions provided for by Law No. 53/2000, need to produce a suitable medical certificate, where the presumed period of absence provided for by the above-mentioned law is specified.

5. In both the aforementioned cases, participation to the programme will start within ten (10) days after discharge or the end of the maternity leave.

6. Should an awardee forfeit or relinquish his/her award, the School will assign the vacant position to the next suitable candidate according to the ranking list.

7. The School reserves the right to verify the data submitted and to ask the competent authority of the country, where the awardee resides, a judicial and criminal record certificate.

Art. 7

(PhD Student Obligations)

1. PhD students must attend the research and teaching activities of the School within the Programme.

2. They must comply with the rules of the Statute and Regulations of the School.

3. The Advisory Board of the course will appoint a tutor to each PhD student. The task of the tutor will be to verify student attendance at the training, cultural and scientific activities of the School, and to support and verify the progress of his/her research.

4. At the end of the three-year course, PhD students will take a final examination to obtain their PhD Degree. During the PhD degree examination, students will be asked to defend a written dissertation before a Board of Experts appointed by the Director.

Art. 8

(PhD Student Status)

1. The School provides **PhD students supported by a grant** with full board and allows them to use the library and laboratories, according to the rules specified in its Regulations.

2. PhD students will also receive a monthly scholarship amounting to a total of **€14,500.00** per year.

3. The PhD Programme Advisory Board may allow PhD students to participate in study and research activities outside the School's premises.

4. The allowance, as per this Article, are subject, for fiscal purposes, to the laws in force in matters of fellowships allocated by Italian Universities and Regions.

5. **PhD students without a grant** will take part in the Programme at their own expense but they will not pay any tuition fees and they will be allowed to use the library and laboratories.

Art. 9
(Retrieval of Submitted Publications)

1. All applicants, if interested, may collect the documents sent to the School, at their own expense, **within two (2) months** from the date of publication of the relevant ranking list on the website of the School. Once this two-month period has elapsed, the School's Administration cannot be held, in any way, responsible for the above-mentioned publications.

Art. 10
(Person in charge of the Procedures)

1. The person in charge of the competition procedure, as per this Announcement, is the Head of Students Affairs – Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna – Piazza Martiri della Libertà n.33 – 56127 Pisa – tel. 050/883273, fax 050/883250, e-mail: infophd@sssup.it.

Art. 11
(Treatment of Personal Data)

1. The personal data supplied by the applicants will be processed automatically by the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in accordance with Art. 11 of the Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 ("Code Concerning the Protection of Personal Data"), for the competition procedure. The data may also be used anonymously for statistical processing purposes. To participate in the Competition, the data have to be disclosed to the School.

2. Anyone interested can, at any time, exercise the rights provided for by Art. 7 of the above-mentioned Legislative Decree, in writing to the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna- Servizi di Supporto alla Formazione - Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33 Pisa.