

## Annex1 to the Call

### Joint Ph.D. in Political Science, European Politics and International Relations

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<b>Brief description</b>	<p>The PhD program in Political Science, European Politics and International Relations is a joint doctoral initiative of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, the University of Siena, the University of Florence and the University of Pisa. The four institutions qualified among the best Italian Universities in the fields of political science and international relations in the recent national evaluation of research. The program provides students with an advanced training across the main fields of political science and international relations, ensuring strong command of the most important quantitative and qualitative methods that are required to conduct rigorous and innovative empirical research. Thanks to a large and internationally recognized faculty (which enlists also significant multidisciplinary competences in the fields of international economy, political philosophy, statistics, contemporary history and international law) the program offers a broad range of courses and other teaching activities which are fully coordinated and integrated. Students will benefit from the stimulating intellectual environment of an international student and faculty community.</p> <p>Courses, seminars and research activities of the program will concern the three main areas of “Comparative Politics”, “European Politics” e “International Relations” with special attention to phenomena of political change affecting European and extra-European countries and to the development of new actors and new institutional forms in response to social and economic change.</p> <p>A central place will be given to four main research areas:</p> <p>a) the challenges to democracy originating from processes of globalisation and economic crises which shift outside the borders of national states some of the most important decisions;</p> <p>b) the new forms of multilevel and international governance with a high technocratic legitimacy but a low democratic legitimacy, which have gained everywhere but particularly in Europe increasingly important powers of decision and coordination at the expense of national governments. A crucial and connected aspect are the reactions of public opinion to this new environment</p> <p>c) the crisis of traditional forms of democracy and of parties and the rise of new forms of democracy (deliberative democracy, direct democracy, etc.)</p> <p>d) State sovereignty as practice: contemporary challenges and responses. New patterns of regional and international ordering in conflict and security studies.</p>
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Duration</b>	3 years
<b>Number of positions available</b>	<b>4 with scholarship</b> nr. 8 additional scholarships may be available in case of success of the request for funding submitted to the Regione Toscana – FSE (BorsePegaso)
<b>Scholarship amount</b>	<b>14,000.00 euros</b> gross paid to payee in deferred monthly instalments The gross amount includes social security contributions payable by the recipient
<b>Submission deadline for the online application</b>	<b>3 September 2015 at 24.00</b> (Italian time)
<b>Documentation obligatory under penalty of exclusion, to be attached to the online application</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. photocopy of a valid identity document;</li> <li>2. CV;</li> <li>3. self-certification of the exams passed in the MA/MSc degree course, indicating the mark received for each one;</li> <li>4. copy of their MA/MSc degree thesis (or an abstract of the thesis, with a photocopy of the cover page): candidates who have not yet obtained the qualification should attach a copy of the final draft of their degree thesis or an</li> </ol>

	<p>abstract of the same;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. a detailed research project in English of no more than 3000 words, which describes the research activities that the applicants would like to perform during their PhD course. The research project will include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the title of the research; scientific premises and relevant bibliography;</li> <li>b. purpose and expectations of the research;</li> <li>c. research methodologies;</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <b>only for candidates who obtained their qualification abroad:</b> copy of the MA/MSc Degree Certificate or equivalent qualification and a translation of it into Italian or English unless the original is drafted in English, Italian, French, German or Spanish;</li> <li>7. at least two letters from teaching staff who monitored the candidate's education during his/her university studies;</li> </ol> <p>Applicants may attach copy of any other qualifications or publications that they deem relevant to the course (typewritten works are permitted)</p>
<p><b>Test examinations</b></p>	<p><b>Qualifications and Interview</b>  Selection will be performed through <b>an assessment of the qualifications presented and an interview.</b>  The Board will award a score from 1 to 100 out of one hundred.</p>
	<p><b>Assessment of qualifications</b> – <i>maximum possible score: 70</i>  The Examining Board will assess the CV, academic path and any other scientific qualifications submitted. The candidate's research project will be assessed in terms of both quality and relevance with respect to the lines of research of the PhD programme. Only candidates obtaining a score of at least 49/70 in the assessment of qualifications phase will be contacted for the interview.  The School will inform candidates selected for the interview in due time, by writing to the email address specified in the application. Information will include the date and time of the interview, as well as the score received in the assessment of qualifications phase.</p> <p><b>Candidates are not required to be present in Pisa during the assessment of qualifications.</b></p> <p><b>Interview</b> - <i>maximum score possible: 30</i>  The interview will consist in a discussion about the qualifications submitted and the proposed research topics, and will be held (at least in part) in English. Candidates obtaining a score below 21/30 in the interview will be excluded from the merit ranking list.  In special cases the interview may be conducted by video conference (using Skype). In this case, the identity document used in the online application form must be shown before the start of the test in order to enable identification of the candidate. It is in any case the candidate's responsibility to make sure that the required hardware (PC, webcam) and software are available and that there is a reliable internet connection. The decision on whether to allow candidates to conduct their interview by video conference lies with the Board.  70/100 is the minimum overall score for being included in the final ranking list. Should there be two or more candidates with the same general score, preference will be given to the younger candidate.  The School will notify only scholarship holders of their admission to the School, using the email address provided in the application. Scholarship holders will be required to confirm their acceptance by responding within 7 days, on pain of forfeiture and awarding of the position to the first suitable candidate on the ranking list.</p>
<p><b>Test schedule</b></p>	<p>Publication of the list of those selected for interview: <b>8 September 2015</b>  Interviews: <b>15 September 2015</b></p> <p>The general merit ranking list will be made available on the page:  <a href="http://www.sssup.it/phdapplicationonlineby">http://www.sssup.it/phdapplicationonlineby</a> <b>18 September 2015</b></p>
<p><b>Information</b></p>	<p><a href="mailto:phddirpolis@sssup.it">phddirpolis@sssup.it</a> tel. +39.050.883.170</p>