

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC SELECTION FOR 2 RESEARCH GRANTS

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### DESCRIPTION

The Scuola Normale Superiore announces a selection, based on work to date and interview, for 2 research contracts as part of the EU research project "*Value conflicts in a differentiated Europe: The impact of digital media on value Polarisation in Europe*", acronym ValCon, call 2019 "Challenges for Europe", Volkswagenstiftun.

The project will examine the role of digital social and news media in creating political value polarization among citizens and in promoting the rise of populism in Europe. It includes a comparative survey in 6 countries and analysis of debates conducted through digital and legacy media. Asking for trans- and cross-national trends in value contestation, the study combines and synthesizes public opinion surveys and media content analysis for three core value conflicts (freedom of speech; independence of judiciary; gender equality) in six EU member states (Ireland, France, Germany, Poland, Italy, and Spain). Qualitative and quantitative social sciences research methods, especially in the fields of digital and social media analysis, will be used.

Estimated duration of each contract: 19 months (estimated starting in early February 2023 and mandatory ending date of the contract not later than 31 August 2024)

Annual gross remuneration for each contract, inclusive of all taxes: € 35,000

### **Deadline for applications: December, 13<sup>th</sup> at 04:00 PM (Italian time)**

Information about the selection procedure can be found below. Applicants are advised to read the official announcement (*Bando*) and to follow exclusively its detailed instructions should they decide to apply.

### REQUISITES

The selection procedure is open to applicants who have completed a Master's degree in Sociology, Political Sciences, Public Relations or Communication Sciences (in accordance with earlier Italian university regulations, or a second-cycle undergraduate degree as per the interdepartmental decree of 9 July 2009). Candidates who have completed the aforementioned degrees abroad may also apply, if said degrees are recognized as equivalent to Italian degrees.

Knowledge of English and Italian languages is also required to carry out the research activity.

Additional competence and/or experience relevant to the choice of the researchers: knowledge of another language of the European Community; PhD in Sociology, Political Sciences or Communication and Media; knowledge of policy, media and public sphere of Italy and other EU

Member States, knowledge of literature on public sphere and theory of democracy, with particular attention to Europe and transnationalisation processes.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants with all the aforementioned requisites who wish to participate in the selection process must submit their application exclusively online, using the online dedicated PICA procedure at the following link: <https://pica.cineca.it/sns>

The PICA app can be accessed via SPID, by choosing the institution “Scuola Normale Superiore” from the page of available federations; alternatively, the procedure will necessarily require an e-mail address in order to register into the system.

Once identified/registered and once procedure relating to this selection has been accessed, they must also upload as attachments, through the online PICA procedure, exclusively in PDF format:

- a) a non-authenticated photocopy of a valid identity document;
- b) an up-dated curriculum vitae containing a detailed description of their educational career and professional experience;
- c) publications, including their PhD thesis, and any other document that they believe may be useful to the assessment of their application. Each publication must occupy a space of not more than 30 megabytes. For those unpublished texts accepted for publication, applicants must include the relative document in its final form and the publisher’s certificate or a detailed substitute statement of affidavit confirming that the relative text has been accepted for publication (please use Attachment A);
- d) a list of the submitted publications.

Until the deadline for the submission of applications, the procedure can save any data inserted in draft mode, enabling their modification and/or integration.

By the established deadline, applications for participation in the selection must be filled in definitively in all their parts, signed, on pain of exclusion, in one of the modes indicated by the online procedure, and submitted – together with all the attachments – by means of the same online procedure.

No signature will be required when submitting the application only if the SPID is used to access procedure.

The date of online submission will be certified by the PICA procedure; candidates will be notified of the receipt of their applications and their subsequent registration by means of two separate e-mail messages. Each application will be attributed a separate identification number (application ID) and a registration number, both visible inside the application; the application ID must be used, together with the call code **22-AR-SPS07-HJT-12**, for any subsequent communications.

Once applications have been submitted online and the confirmation of the online PICA procedure has been received, it will no longer be possible to access them in order to modify them; they may only be withdrawn using the function “ritira/withdraw” on the initial page of the procedure. Candidates can, however, submit a new application. After the deadline for submission, the online procedure will no longer permit access or the online transmission of applications. Please note that the online procedure may undergo temporary suspensions for technical reasons.

**No other form of transmission of applications and/or documentation for participation in the selection is allowed other than those indicated above.** Solely in the case of proven and certified

technical unavailability of the online PICA procedure, the Scuola reserves the right to accept admission applications and/or supporting documentation submitted in other modes, provided they are transmitted before the call deadline.

[Technical instructions](#) for completing the application form are available on the Scuola's website.

## **INTERVIEW**

The Committee can decide to conduct face-to-face interviews or online interviews with the admitted applicants. In any case, the online interview will be permitted to applicants who live permanently outside Italy or are domiciled abroad for work, study or research and request to conduct an online interview instead of a face-to-face interview. Applicants who are unable to carry out an on-site interview for further different reasons can request an online interview and the Committee will decide whether or not to permit it.

In case of online interview, candidates will have to comply with the [Guidelines](#) on how to conduct online interviews available on the website of the Scuola Normale, under penalty of exclusion.

The interview will focus on the the applicants' qualifications, on the scientific topics related to the research to be carried out, on the applicants' proficiency in English and Italian and on the following scientific issues: qualitative and quantitative social sciences research methods, especially in the fields of digital and social media analysis.

For the interview, applicants must show a valid identification document, otherwise they will not be permitted to take part in it.

Applicants who submit the wrong contact details, miss the connection at the date and time communicated by the Administration or fail to submit an identification document forfeit their right to participate in the interview and consequently in the selection process.

The Scuola Normale is not responsible for any technical problems that may arise during the interview.

## **CONTACT DETAILS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

- a) For further administrative information about the application procedure and the relative documentation, or about the selection process itself, please contact the Servizio Personale a contratto (e-mail [job.opportunities@sns.it](mailto:job.opportunities@sns.it)).
- b) For any technical problems, candidates must use exclusively the link "[Per problemi tecnici contatta il supporto](#)" - "For technical problems contact the online help desk" - visualised in the section at the foot of the page of the web site <https://pica.cineca.it/sns/>