



PhD PROGRAMME IN "SOCIETY IN CHANGE: POLICIES, RIGHTS, SECURITY"	
Coordinator	Prof. Alessandro Sterpa
Department	Department of Economics, Engineering, Society and Business Organization
Program duration	3 years: 2 nd January 2026- 31 st December 2028 Thesis Defence: during July 2029
Program objectives	The doctoral program "Society in Change: Policies, Rights, Security", has as its main objective the study and interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research in socio-political, legal, institutional and linguistic areas that can contribute to the training of professionals able to read the complexity of the processes of social changes affecting 21 st century societies. The systemic shock caused by the spread of the pandemic, in terms of policies, rights and social insecurity, must be read within a broader perspective of analysis, which is able to link the raising perception of risks and uncertainties to long term trajectories. These were already taking shape in the middle of the last century as an effect of the acceleration of social changes and of the relative unpredictability, in the short term, of new features of social contexts and individual conditions. This late modernity rupture of the social balances laboriously constructed in the first part of the twentieth century has opened systemic crises which have affected institutions, organizations and the intermediate social structure in the macro-social dimension. It has also affected the meso- and micro-social daily spaces, forcing individuals to a constant and costly activity of redefining their identity and their role in social interactions.
No. 1 position with scholarship	Topic: "Disinformation and Form of State" Advisor: Prof. Alessandro Sterpa
Period abroad	PhD students with a scholarship are required to spend a period of study and research abroad at international universities, companies, or research institutions. The planned total duration of each doctoral student's stay abroad is normally between 3 and 6 months, even if not continuous. PhD students, with and without scholarship - with the exception of the positions mentioned in Article 9, paragraph 6 of Ministerial Decree 226/2021 - are entitled to an additional budget of at least 50% of the scholarship amount. This is for periods abroad that don't exceed the duration above mentioned, subject to any further available funds. In any case, the scholarship increase is only granted for continuous periods of no less than thirty days
Admission requirements	Admission is open to candidates of any nationality and age possessing one of the following requirements by the deadline of the call for application: - Italian degree "Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento" (4-year-university degree) - Italian degree "Laurea Specialistica" or "Magistrale" (2nd-level two-year Italian university degree/Master program)



	<p>- International academic qualification (degree) awarded in a foreign University or in the context of inter-university cooperation and mobility agreements.</p> <p>Admission is also open to students who will obtain their degree by 31 December 2025.</p>
Evaluation of candidates (Maximum score: 80/80)	<p>The candidates will be selected on the basis of their qualifications and an oral interview.</p> <p>The maximum score assigned is 80/80.</p>
Evaluation of the qualifications (Maximum score: 15/80)	<p>On the basis of the University Regulations for Ph.D. programs (art. 14), the following qualifications are evaluated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Degree thesis with an abstract in English; - University career (exam record and graduation marks); - Publications; - Participation in research projects; - Professional experience and other qualifications held by the candidate in the <i>curriculum vitae et studiorum</i>, including letters of reference from university professors. - Research project proposal. <p>The maximum score is 15/80.</p> <p>The 15 points are distributed as follows:</p> <p>Up to a maximum of 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Degree thesis accompanied by and abstract in English; - University Career (exam record and graduation marks); - Publications; - Participation in research projects; - Professional experience and other qualifications held by the candidate in the curriculum vitae et studiorum, including letters of reference from university professors; <p>Up to a maximum of 8:</p> <p>Proposed research project.</p> <p>To access the oral exam, a minimum score of 7/15 is required.</p> <p>Before the interview, the scores assigned to candidates' CV and application documents will be published on the Call webpage.</p>
Evaluation of the oral interview (Maximum score: 65/80)	<p>The interview is aimed at ascertaining the preparation and aptitudes of candidates for scientific research and will include the assessment of the knowledge of the English language.</p> <p>15 points are reserved for the assessment of knowledge of the English language, while 50 points are reserved for the assessment of preparation and aptitude for research. The oral exam is passed only if a minimum overall score of 40/80 is obtained, provided that the English test has obtained a minimum score of 8 points.</p> <p>The minimum oral score is 40/65 and the maximum is 65/80.</p>
Topics of the interview	<p>The interview will focus on the research project proposed by each candidate and attached to the application.</p>



	<p>Said project, composed in a maximum of 5 pages, may be written in Italian or English.</p> <p>The knowledge of the English language will be tested through a reading comprehension and translation test using an academic text or extract from a scientific journal.</p> <p>After the interview, the scores will be published on the Call webpage.</p>
Timetable and interview location	The examinations schedule will be published on the Call webpage by the deadline of the application call.
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