

GLOBAL HISTORIES, CULTURES, AND POLITICS

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Starting date of the PhD Programme	01/11/2020	
Duration	3 calendar years	
Language of the PhD Programme	Italian and English	
Mandatory stay abroad	Yes (6 months)	
Research topics		
<p>The PhD programme is characterized by a global and interdisciplinary approach to the analysis of historical and social processes. The “global” is not merely understood as a wider geographical scale, but rather as an epistemic device leading the study of the present and the past. “Globalization” is therefore not taken as something given but as a set of processes, whose variable combination is necessarily the effect of the action of specific political, social, and economic forces that attract investigation through the interaction of multiple disciplinary approaches.</p> <p>Historiography - touching upon topics transversal to different ages such as political, economic, social, and religious history, history of ideas, institutions, settlements, gender history - meets area and oriental studies to grasp the polycentric of global spaces traversed by transnational flows of people, ideas, and commodities. Intellectual and conceptual history, pursued in a non-Eurocentric perspective and attentive to theoretical traditions that have remained marginal in political, social, and cultural studies, allows an analysis of the prospects and limits of Western grand narratives. Anthropology, through a peculiar ethnographic sensitivity, demonstrates how phenomena with a global scope inscribe onto the concreteness of social actors’ experience. Political philosophy, understood as critical theory and entering constant dialogues with such approaches as cultural, postcolonial, and gender studies, provides the conceptual and analytical framework that is needed for the production of a global political theory. Geography provides the language and the methods that allow grasping and representing the multiple spatial and territorial frame within which the investigated processes develop – with a specific focus on “trans-scalarity”.</p>		
PhD positions and scholarships		
Position n.	Financial Support	Description
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
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7	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
Admission requirements		
Please, see art. 2 of the Call for applications		
Mandatory documents to be attached to the application		
Please, see art. 3 of the Call for applications		
Further qualifications that may be attached to the application, if in possession of the applicant (only qualifications attested by documents drawn up in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish shall be considered as valid and assessed by the Admission Board)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abstract of the second cycle master’s degree thesis. Undergraduate applicants may submit the draft of the thesis approved by their supervisor (please, note that abstracts cannot exceed 5.000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. The above figure does not include: the title of thesis, the outline, and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. - where present); - No more than 1 reference letter signed by Italian and international academics and professionals in the research field, which do not form part of the Admission Board, attesting the suitability of the applicant and his/her interest for the scientific research. <u>Please, note that the above letters cannot be uploaded by applicants. When filling the online application form on http://studenti.unibo.it, applicants will be only allowed to provide the email accounts of the requested academic/professional. The latter shall receive an email from the University of Bologna providing for the instructions for uploading. Only letters in pdf format submitted before the expiry date and time of the Call shall be accepted.</u> - Multi-annual research project, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements: 		

- It cannot exceed 20.000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of project, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc - where present);
- It must include: the state of the art; description of the project; expected results; lead-time for implementation; references.

The research projects that successful applicants shall carry out during their doctoral career may possibly differ from the project proposed at the application stage. This shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board.

- Motivational letter. This must include the reasons prompting the applicant to attend the PhD Programme and those relevant experiences and research interests, that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD Programme (3.000 characters maximum, including spaces).
- Publications *in extenso* (monographs, articles published on scientific journals, volume chapters): max 3
- Minor publications *in extenso* (conference papers, etc.): max 3
- Research activity of any kind - whether basic, applied, translational, etc. - carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grants, and as a staff member of research projects.
- Documents attesting the knowledge of foreign languages.
- Study periods completed by students outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes).
- Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc).

Admission exams (art. 4 of the Call for applications)

Examination type	Schedule (please, note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the exams schedule)	Examination results publication (please, note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the publication of results)
Qualifications and research project evaluation	Non-presential.	The results of the qualifications and research project evaluation shall be available online starting from the 05/06/2020 at the page http://studenti.unibo.it (please, select "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file "risultati valutazione titoli e progetto")
Oral examination	Date	15/06/2020 In the case, due to the high number of applicants the oral examination cannot be completed in just one day, the exam' schedule shall be made available at the webpage http://studenti.unibo.it together with the results of the qualifications and research project evaluation
	Time	9:00 a.m. (local time)
Applicants shall take the exam remotely. For further details please refer to the relevant provision laid down in art. 4 of the Call for applications.		

Evaluation criteria

Points will be allocated to applications out of a total of 100 on the basis of the following weighting:

1. Qualifications and research project

- Minimum for admission to the oral exam: 30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Only qualifications relating to the last 5 calendar years prior to the calendar year of publication of the Call for applications shall be taken into consideration, with the exception of the University Degree (Diploma di laurea). Please, note that qualifications must be consistent with the PhD Programme.

Points relating to qualifications shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Graduation final mark. Undergraduates shall be evaluated on the basis of the Weighted Average Mark (WAM): max 3 points
- Publications and other qualifications: max 2 points

Points relating to the research project shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal: max 25 points
- Description and structure of the proposal: max 15 points
- Proposal feasibility: max 5 points

2. Oral examination

- Minimum for inclusion in the final ranking list :30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Oral examination includes the presentation of the research project and is intended to assess the suitability of the applicant in respect of the pursuing of scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD Programme.

During the oral examination, knowledge of English language shall be assessed.

The oral examination is carried out in Italian or in English.

Points relating to the oral examination shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Knowledge of the English language: max 5 points
- Research project presentation: max 30 points
- General knowledge of issues connected to the PhD Programme: max 15 points

Possible evaluation sub-criteria will be available on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information” at the bottom of the page in the section “Notices”.

Final ranking list and enrolment (arts.6 and 7 of the Call for applications)

After the publication of the results of the oral exam, the final ranking list will be available on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information” at the bottom of the page in the section “Notices”.

Following the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants must enroll on <http://studenti.unibo.it> by the deadline indicated on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information”.