

PHD PROGRAMME TABLE 37TH CYCLE

PROGRAMME'S NAME	GLOBAL HISTORIES, CULTURES, AND POLITICS
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2021
LANGUAGE	Italian, English
MANDATORY STAY ABROAD	6 months
COORDINATOR	Prof. Raffaele Laudani (raffaele.laudani@unibo.it)
CURRICULA	N/A
RESEARCH TOPICS	Detailed list at the bottom of the present document
PhD POSITIONS	6
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and Research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. 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
4	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
5	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
6	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget

Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
Qualifications evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 11/06/2021**
Oral examination	Date: starting from 15/06/2021 – 9:00* am CEST Place: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from 18/06/2021**

* In case that the oral examination cannot be completed in one day due to the large number of applicants, the oral examination detailed schedule shall be made available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) together with the results of the qualifications evaluation.

** The **results of the admission exams** will be available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) (select “summary of the requests in progress” → “see detail” and open the .pdf file at the bottom of the page. **No personal written communication will be sent to applicants concerning the examinations results.**

Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

(only documents in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish shall be considered as valid and be assessed by the Admission Board)

Only qualifications obtained during the last 5 calendar years shall be taken into consideration, except for the University Degree. The Admission Board will assess the relevance of the supporting documents to the PhD Programme.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
Identity document	Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)
Curriculum Vitae	No specific CV format is required
Degrees	Documents attesting the awarding of the first and second cycle degrees, the exams taken and the marks obtained (see Art. 3 of the Call for Applications)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Research proposal	Multi-annual research proposal, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it cannot exceed 20.000 characters, including spaces and formulas, if present. This figure does not include: the title, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. where present); - it must include state of the art; project's description; expected results; timeline of the proposed research activities; references.
Thesis abstract	Abstract of the second cycle degree thesis . Graduands may submit the draft of their thesis (abstracts cannot exceed 5.000 characters, including spaces and formulas, if present. The above figure does not include title, outline, images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. if present)
Personal Statement	The statement shall 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 (3000 characters maximum, including spaces).
Reference Letter/s	No more than 1 reference letter signed by Italian and/or 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. Letters shall be uploaded following the procedure on Studenti Online , detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2).
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific Publications in full text (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals, volume chapters) max n.3 - Minor Publications in full text (conference papers, conference proceedings etc.) max n.2
Other documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research activity - whether basic, applied, translational, etc. - carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grants, and as a staff member of research units - Language proficiency certificates - Periods of study abroad, outside the country of origin (e.g., Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes) - Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc)

Evaluation criteria *

Scores will be expressed in points out of 100, as follows.

1. Qualifications evaluation

Minimum score for admission to the oral examination: 30 points, Maximum score: 50 points

Qualifications evaluation	University degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM).	3 points max
	Publications	2 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and innovative nature of the proposal	25 points max
	Description and structure of the proposal	5 points max
	Proposal feasibility	5 points max
	Coherence with the Programme's Research Topics	10 points max

2. Oral examination

Minimum score for eligibility: 30 points, Maximum score 50 points

English proficiency	5 points max
Research proposal presentation	30 points max
General knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme	15 points max

The oral examination aims to assess the suitability of the applicant for scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme ([see the list of research topics at the bottom of the present document](#)). During the oral examination, English language proficiency shall be assessed. The oral examination is carried out in Italian or in English.

*Possible further evaluation criteria will be available on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → "More information", at the bottom of the page in the section "Notices".

Final Ranking List and Enrollment

After the publication of the results of the oral examination, the **final ranking list** will be available on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “More information”, section “Notices” at the bottom of the page. Following the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants shall **enroll** on [Studenti Online](#) by the deadline indicated on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “More information”.

If a successful applicant withdraws from a position, the following applicant in the ranking list, who is also eligible for the specific position, will be contacted. During the replacement procedure, the new terms of enrollment shall be communicated via e-mail to the chosen applicant.

Research Topics

The PhD program 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. 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”.