



## UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO - Italy

### CALL FOR THE SELECTION OF TWO PHD PLACES IN International Studies– 21<sup>st</sup> cycle

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The University of Trento announces the 21<sup>st</sup> cycle of a three-year PhD Programme in “International Studies”, in co-operation with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian Embassies in the Middle East (Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq and Israel).

**Scientific-disciplinary areas:**

SPS/01 Political Philosophy  
SPS/04 Political Science  
SPS/07 General Sociology  
SPS/11 Political Sociology  
IUS/02 Comparative Private Law  
IUS/04 Commercial Law  
IUS/05 Economic Law  
IUS/07 Labour Law  
IUS/10 Administrative Law  
IUS/11 Canonical and Ecclesiastical Law  
IUS/12 Tax Law  
IUS/13 International Law  
IUS/14 European Union Law  
IUS/17 Criminal Law  
IUS/21 Comparative Public Law  
SECS P/02 Political Economy  
SECS P/06 Applied Economics  
M-STO/04 Contemporary History

**Coordinator of the PhD Programme:** Prof. Sergio Fabbrini -- Tel. + 39 0461 881304 – E-mail: [sergio.fabbrini@unitn.it](mailto:sergio.fabbrini@unitn.it)

**Official language:** English. All PhD students are encouraged to learn Italian during their studies.

The selection of two PhD places in “International Studies” is announced. These places will be assigned a grant and are reserved for students with Afghani, Egyptian, Iraqi or Israeli nationality, in accordance with the agreement with the Italian Embassies in the Middle East (Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq and Israel).

The grant is financed jointly by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Autonomous Province of Trento” - Italy.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for the PhD position above are invited from Afghani, Egyptian, Iraqi and Israeli candidates, regardless of sex and age, who have an Italian "laurea specialistica", awarded in conformity with Ministerial Decree N. 509 of 3.11.1999 and Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22.10.2004; a university degree of the previous Italian regulations in force; or an equivalent qualification obtained abroad. Applicants who have a foreign qualification not officially recognised as equivalent to the Italian "laurea" must explicitly request the recognition of equivalence in the application for participation in the selection. In addition they should attach the English translation of the degree certificate with exams taken and grades obtained, duly signed, to enable the Graduate School Committee to declare its equivalence, valid solely for the purposes of admission for public selection.

#### APPLICATION

Applications should be made using the forms attached to this announcement.

Application must arrive at the **Italian Embassy in Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq or Israel by March 24, 2005.**

Please, write on the envelope “Selection for PhD places in International Studies – University of Trento – ITALY”.

Addresses of the Embassies:

Afghanistan: Great Massoud Road - KABUL

Egypt: 15, Abdel Rahman Fahmy Str. - Garden City - CAIRO

Iraq: Hay Al-Maghreeb Mahala 304, Zukak 15, District 7, House 33 - BAGHDAD

Israel: Trade Tower Building 25 Hamered Street – TEL AVIV 68125

Applications should include<sup>1</sup>:

- a photocopy of the front and back of the applicant’s identity card or passport;
- a curriculum vitae in English ;
- a research proposal (max 5 pages / 2500 words) in English in one of the areas studied in the International Studies programme;
- two letters of recommendation in English or Italian (marking them as Appendix B and C) from experts in the PhD research sectors.

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<sup>1</sup> Candidates wishing to retrieve their documentation forwarded with the application should make a formal request to the Ufficio Dottorati di Ricerca within one year of the announcement deadline. Requests arriving after this time will not be considered. Any expenses will be charged to the interested person.

The letters of recommendation must be received in sealed envelopes and must be sent directly by the persons who write them to the following address: Prof. Sergio Fabbrini, Scuola di Studi Internazionali – Università degli Studi di Trento, Via Rosmini, 70 - 38100 Trento – Italy

- copies of any publications;
- any other qualifications such as international examinations (GRE or equivalent);
- any certificates attesting the knowledge of the English language (e. g. TOEFL, Certificate of Proficiency in English, or other certificates), if English is not the mother tongue of the applicant;
- any other documents that attest to the research skills and abilities of the candidate.

## SELECTION

The Italian Embassies in cooperation with the Italian Cultural Institute will make a pre-selection. The Italian Embassies are in charge of sending the pre-selected documents to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the University of Trento.

The selection is based on:

- an evaluation of the degrees earned, the submitted research project, and the submitted certificates and publications, in accordance with the criteria established by the Admissions Committee;
- an interview on the research project and the motivations of the applicant.

The Admissions Committee will evaluate the pre-selected documents. It assigns a maximum of 200 points, divided as follows:

100 points for the evaluation of the degrees;

100 points for the oral test.

Only applicants obtaining a minimum score of 60/100 in the evaluation of the submitted documents will be admitted to the oral exam. Candidates admitted to the oral exam will be notified in due course.

The oral examination will be held in English. Its purpose is to ascertain the applicant's basic knowledge and his/her aptitude for scientific research. Applicants must present a valid identification document in order to be admitted to the oral examination.

Foreign nationals not resident in Italy who wish to sit the entrance exam in their home countries can arrange for a telephone interview, subject to approval by the Admissions Committee. The applicant must provide (using Appendix D) the address of a University, Institute, or Embassy, indicating the name of a person who can identify him/her before the interview.

Candidates obtaining the minimum score of 60/100 in the oral exam will be short-listed. This merit list, will be forwarded to the Italian Embassies in Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq and Israel and to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and be displayed on their official notice boards.

## HOW TO ENROL

**Within 15 days** of the publication of the final merit list at the Italian Embassies in Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq and Israel, the successful candidate must forward his/her application for enrolment to the **University of Trento - Ufficio Dottorati di Ricerca, Via Inama n. 5 – 38100 Trento, ITALY**.

Application forms are available at the Italian Embassies in Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq and Israel and on the website:

[http://www.unitn.it/ricerca/dottorati\\_form\\_av/ciclo\\_21/download/modulo\\_iscrizione\\_eng\\_reserved\\_position\\_s.doc](http://www.unitn.it/ricerca/dottorati_form_av/ciclo_21/download/modulo_iscrizione_eng_reserved_position_s.doc)

Students may also send the applications by fax (0039 0461 882191).

Should the successful candidates not send their applications **within 15 days** of the publication of the merit list, they will lose the right to enrol and the corresponding places will be offered to the next candidates on the list.

After the enrolment in the PhD Programme, successful applicants who hold foreign qualifications must present the degree certificate with exams and grades obtained, translated and certified by the Italian Embassy, Consulate or Diplomatic Representative in the country where the degree was issued, and the respective declaration of equivalent value (“Dichiarazione di valore”) **no later than the starting date of the PhD course**.

**Applicants failing to comply with these requirements will lose the right to be admitted to the PhD Programme.**

## GRANTS

. Grants are assigned on the basis of the merit list compiled by the Admissions Committee.

The annual gross sum of the study grant amounts to €10.561,54.

The grant is augmented by 50% for any periods spent abroad that are authorized by the co-coordinator or by the Graduate School Committee.

The grants normally will be allocated bi-monthly, in advance.

The grant is conferred for the entire duration of the PhD course, conditional upon a positive opinion of the Graduate School Committee concerning admission to the second and third year of studies , respectively.

Failure to attend the programme for over thirty days will result in the payment of the grant being suspended.

The grants cannot be combined with other grants, except those awarded by national or foreign scientific institutes for periods spent abroad that are deemed useful for the research activities of the student.

In addition, PhD students non-resident in the Trentino-Alto Adige Region at the time when they were admitted to the programme may apply for a lodging contribution of €1.239.50 per annum.

## PHD STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES

PhD students must undertake to attend the PhD programme and carry out research activities on a full time basis according to the teaching programme and the regulations laid down by the Graduate School Committee.

The Graduate School Committee may decide to exclude students from the PhD Programme :

- a) if a negative evaluation is given by the Graduate School Committee concerning admission to the successive year of study;
- b) if the student accepts any form of employment contract without explicit authorisation by the Graduate School Committee;
- c) in case of unexcused and extended absences.

Students who are excluded from the programme will forfeit their grant and must repay any amounts received unduly.

For the duration of the PhD programme, students are insured by the University against accidents and damage to third parties that occur in circumstances pertaining to the PhD programme.

#### PHD TITLE CONFERRAL

The Rector will confer the title of PhD, when students pass the final examination, which will take place at the end of the three-year PhD Programme.

#### Art. 12 – PERSONAL DATA

The Administration of the University of Trento, in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03 (“Italian Personal Data Protection Code”) and subsequent amendments, will use the applicants’ personal data only for the purpose of the selection procedure and for institutional reasons.

Participation in the selection entails, in observance of the above-mentioned law, that the applicant allows the University of Trento to publish his/her personal data concerning the results of the selection procedure on the University website.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

For detailed information, please consult our website:

<http://www.ssi.unitn.it/en/dottorato/index.htm>

Trento, February 10, 2005

The Rector

Prof. Davide Bassi

TO THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned, apply to be included in the selection for the PhD Programme in

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES – 21<sup>st</sup> cycle**

For this purpose I, the undersigned, declare<sup>2</sup>

**FAMILY NAME**

**FIRST NAME**

**DATE OF BIRTH**

**PLACE OF BIRTH** Town|City

Country

**CITIZENSHIP**

**PLACE OF RESIDENCE**

<b>Address</b>			
<b>Zip Code</b>			<b>Country</b>
<b>Tel.</b>			<b>Fax</b>
<b>E-mail</b>			

**ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE (if different from residence)**

<b>Address</b>			
<b>Zip Code</b>			<b>Country</b>
<b>Tel.</b>			<b>Fax</b>
<b>E-mail</b>			

- I HAVE AN ITALIAN DEGREE**

**IN (subject)**

**FROM (University)**

**CONFERRED ON (date)**

- I HAVE A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION, which has been recognised as equivalent to the Italian degree**

<sup>2</sup> It is a criminal offence to provide incorrect or incomplete information; any candidate found to have committed such an offence will be automatically rejected.

<b>IN (subject)</b>	
<b>FROM (University)</b>	
<b>COUNTRY</b>	
<b>CONFERRED ON (date)</b>	

<b>Italian Rector's Decree recognising equivalence</b>	<b>N°.</b>
	<b>On (date)</b>
	<b>University of</b>

**I HAVE A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION and I request the Graduate School Committee to recognize its equivalence to the Italian degree<sup>3</sup>**

<b>GRADUATED</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>MARK</b>
<b>DEGREE IN</b>		
<b>AT (University)</b>		
<b>Country</b>		
<b>Duration of the course</b>	<b>years</b>	

- **I HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE**
- **IN ADDITION, I KNOW THE FOLLOWING FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S)**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Italian</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>French</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spanish</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>German</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
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- **I UNDERTAKE TO INFORM THE UNIVERSITY OF ANY CHANGES TO MY ADDRESS**
- **THAT I AM AWARE OF AND ACCEPT THE REGULATIONS REGARDING**
  - **the present call**
  - **the University Regulations for PhD Research Programmes**  
[http://www.unitn.it/ateneo/norme\\_regolamenti/regolamenti/download/ricerca\\_prod\\_intel/Regol\\_in\\_materia\\_di\\_Scuole\\_dottorato\\_ricerca\\_vers\\_ingl.pdf](http://www.unitn.it/ateneo/norme_regolamenti/regolamenti/download/ricerca_prod_intel/Regol_in_materia_di_Scuole_dottorato_ricerca_vers_ingl.pdf)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> Candidates who have a foreign qualification not officially recognised as equivalent to the Italian degree, must submit an English translation of the degree certificate with exams and grades obtained, signed under their own responsibility, so as to allow the Graduate School Committee to declare the equivalence, valid solely for participation in the selection. After the enrolment in the PhD Programme, successful applicants who hold a foreign qualification must present the degree certificate with exams and grades obtained, translated and certified by the Italian Embassy, Consulate or Diplomatic Representative in the country where the degree was issued plus the declaration of equivalent value ("Dichiarazione di valore") no later than the starting date of the PhD course.



**Appendix B**

**ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM**

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APPLICANT'S NAME

**Degree Applying for:**  Research Ph.D in International Studies.

**Planning to Enroll:**  Fall 2005

**Applicant's Waiver**  
 The following waiver statement is provided in accordance with Italian privacy law. You may waive your right to inspect this reference by signing the statement at your own discretion. Should you decide not to sign, you may have access to the reference when you enrol in the graduate school.

*This is a confidential reference and will not be disclosed to me without the prior consent of the referee*

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE

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REFEREE'S NAME TITLE, EMPLOYER

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ADDRESS E-MAIL

1. How long have you known the applicant?  
 <1 yr       1 yr       2 yrs       3 yrs       4 yrs       > 5 yrs

2. In what capacity do you know the applicant?  Professor    Supervisor    Colleague    Friend/Relative    Other

3. On the following scale, please rate the applicant relative to other students/employees/applicants you have known:

Scholarship	<input type="radio"/> Top 50%	<input type="radio"/> Top 25%	<input type="radio"/> Top 10%	<input type="radio"/> Top 5%	<input type="radio"/> Top 2%
Writing Skills	<input type="radio"/> Top 50%	<input type="radio"/> Top 25%	<input type="radio"/> Top 10%	<input type="radio"/> Top 5%	<input type="radio"/> Top 2%
Maturity	<input type="radio"/> Top 50%	<input type="radio"/> Top 25%	<input type="radio"/> Top 10%	<input type="radio"/> Top 5%	<input type="radio"/> Top 2%
Originality	<input type="radio"/> Top 50%	<input type="radio"/> Top 25%	<input type="radio"/> Top 10%	<input type="radio"/> Top 5%	<input type="radio"/> Top 2%
Openness to other cultures	<input type="radio"/> Top 50%	<input type="radio"/> Top 25%	<input type="radio"/> Top 10%	<input type="radio"/> Top 5%	<input type="radio"/> Top 2%
Academic Potential	<input type="radio"/> Top 50%	<input type="radio"/> Top 25%	<input type="radio"/> Top 10%	<input type="radio"/> Top 5%	<input type="radio"/> Top 2%

Please attach a frank letter addressing the following questions.

1. What are this applicant's major strengths?
2. What are this applicant's major weaknesses?
3. Please describe the quality of the applicant's contributions in a group/team environment (professional or classroom).
4. Please rate the applicant relative to other graduate school applicants you have known.
5. If the applicant's native language is not English, please comment on his/her abilities in English.

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REFEREE'S SIGNATURE DATE

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Please send the completed form and letter of academic reference directly to:  
 Prof. Sergio Fabbrini, Director, PhD in International Studies, Scuola di studi internazionali, Via Rosmini 70, 38100 Trento, Italy.  
 Or email them to [phd.ssi@unitn.it](mailto:phd.ssi@unitn.it)

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.



**Appendix C**

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE

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REFeree'S NAME TITLE, EMPLOYER

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ADDRESS E-MAIL

1. How long have you known the applicant?  
 <1 yr       1 yr       2 yrs       3 yrs       4 yrs       > 5 yrs

2. In what capacity do you know the applicant?  Professor    Supervisor    Colleague    Friend/Relative    Other

3. On the following scale, please rate the applicant relative to other students/employees/applicants you have known:

Scholarship	<input type="radio"/> Top 50%	<input type="radio"/> Top 25%	<input type="radio"/> Top 10%	<input type="radio"/> Top 5%	<input type="radio"/> Top 2%
Writing Skills	<input type="radio"/> Top 50%	<input type="radio"/> Top 25%	<input type="radio"/> Top 10%	<input type="radio"/> Top 5%	<input type="radio"/> Top 2%
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Originality	<input type="radio"/> Top 50%	<input type="radio"/> Top 25%	<input type="radio"/> Top 10%	<input type="radio"/> Top 5%	<input type="radio"/> Top 2%
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**Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.**

**Appendix D<sup>4</sup>**

**I, (NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ (SURNAME) \_\_\_\_\_**

**ask to sit the entrance examination in my own country. For this purpose:**

- **I am indicating where I will sit the examination:**

**The University of \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Institute of \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Italian Embassy in \_\_\_\_\_**

**LOCATED IN**

Address		No.	Zip Code
Town City:	COUNTRY:		
TEL.:			

- **declare under my own responsibility that I will be identified by the following person:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEL.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**QUALIFICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> To complete only if the applicant is a foreign national not resident in Italy who wishes to sit the entrance exam in his/her home country