



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: 1 st November 2024 - 31 st October 2027 Thesis Defence: during July 2028		
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.		
Number of positions	Total positions	12	of which:
	A) Position with “PNRR PA” DM 629/2024 scholarship	1	M4C1 - Inv. 4.1
	B) Position with PNRR DM 630/2024 scholarship	1	M4C2 – Inv 3.3
	C) Positions with scholarship funded by the University of Tuscia	3	
	D) Industrial PhD	2	Reserved for employees of: - FOXTEL s.r.l., Viterbo (1) - R.I. S.p.A., Trepuzzi LE (1)
	E) Positions reserved for the employees of the public institutions participating in a partnership agreement with the University	5	- Province of Viterbo (1) - Italian Revenue Agency (2) - Roma Capitale (2)
(A) Position with “PNRR PA” DM 629/2024 scholarship	M4C1- Inv. 4.1 “PhD Research Grants PNRR - Public Administration”		
	No. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the following research project, with specific theme: “The introduction of artificial intelligence in the decision-making processes of autonomous territorial bodies” Advisor: Prof. Alessandro Sterpa		



	<p>Note: the research project proposed by the candidates must be consistent with the above-mentioned research theme, otherwise they will be excluded from the selection process.</p>
<p>(B) Position with PNRR DM 630/2024 scholarship</p>	<p>M4C2- Inv. 3.3 Innovative doctorate scholarships co-funded by companies</p> <p>No. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the following research project, with specific theme: “Study of the impact of AI on training and corporate decision-making processes and development of initiatives a support for change management and reskilling” Co-funding company: Bright Klub Srl (Aiscent), Milano Advisor: Prof. Andrea Genovese</p> <p>Note: the research project proposed by the candidates must be consistent with the above-mentioned research theme, otherwise they will be excluded from the selection process.</p>
	<p>Note: Accepting a PNRR grant entails additional obligations compared to a regular scholarship. Please refer to Article 16 of the announcement for further information.</p>
<p>(C) No. 3 Positions with scholarship funded by the University of Tuscia</p>	<p>No. 3 scholarships aimed at carrying out the following research projects, with specific themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. "The Representation of Gender Violence in Journalistic Narratives" Advisor: Prof. Luca Massidda b. "AI, New Technologies, and the English Language in Specialized Languages" Advisor: Prof. Anna Romagnuolo c. "The Reform of the Form of Government in the Italian Constitution, and the Premiership" Advisors: Prof. Alessandro Sterpa and Prof. Nicola Viceconte <p>Note: the research projects proposed by the candidates must be consistent with the above-mentioned research themes, otherwise they will be excluded from the selection process</p>
<p>(D) No. 2 positions allocated to the Industrial PhD Program</p>	<p>no. 1 position reserved for a Foxtel S.r.l. (located in Viterbo) employee aimed at conducting research on: "Balancing Constitutional Rights and Cybersecurity Demands" Advisor: Prof. Michele Francaviglia</p> <p>no. 1 position reserved for an R.I. S.p.A. (located in Trepuzzi, LE) employee aimed at conducting research on: "The Legal Aspects of Italian Bases Abroad in International Missions" Advisor: Prof. Ignazio Lagrotta</p> <p>Note: the research projects proposed by the candidates must be consistent with the above-mentioned research themes, otherwise they will be excluded from the selection process</p>



(E) No. 5 positions reserved for public institution employees

No. 2 positions reserved for employees of Roma Capitale, aimed at conducting the following research projects, with specific themes:

- a. "Artificial Intelligence and Public Administration, Analysis of Risks and Processes with Reference to Specific Cases"
Advisors: Prof. Maria Esmeralda Bucalo and Dr. Silvia Pantanella
- b. "Roma Capitale's Revenue and Own Taxes Connected to Demographic, Artistic, and Institutional Peculiarities"
Advisors: Prof. Alessandro Sterpa and Dr. Silvia Pantanella

Note: In accordance with Article 10 of Decree No. 226/2021, the organization commits to regularly pay the salary to employees admitted to the PhD program for all three years of the legal duration. This excludes Roma Capitale employees from the possibility of taking leave of absence under Article 2 of Law No. 476/1984, as it is incompatible with the needs of the Administration and the objectives of the research projects (Article 4 of the Agreement between UNITUS and Roma Capitale).

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no. 2 positions reserved for employees of the Italian Revenue Agency to undertake research in:

- a. "Supervised and Unsupervised Machine Learning Techniques and Activities to Combat Tax Evasion and Fraud. Analysis of the Legal Basis in Domestic and EU Law, and Social Impacts"
Advisors: Prof. Dario Buzzelli and Dr. Francesca Vitale
- b. "Organizational Models and Competency Systems for Learning Organization Applicable to Administrations Managing Treasury Revenue"
Advisors: Prof. Gianfranco Liace and Dr. Francesca Vitale

Note: Participation in the program excludes employees of the Agenzia delle Entrate (Revenue Agency) from taking a leave of absence.

The research projects proposed by the candidates must be consistent with the above-mentioned research themes, otherwise they will be excluded from the selection process

no. 1 position reserved for employees of the Provincial Administration of Viterbo to undertake research in:

- a. "Territorial Government in a "Wide Area" Perspective: Innovation in the Decision-Making Processes of the Province"
Advisors: Prof. Nicola Viceconte and Secretary General of the Province Francesco Loricchio

Note: Participation entails the exclusion for the employees of the Provincial Administration of Viterbo from taking a leave of absence. The research projects proposed by the candidates must be consistent with the above-



	mentioned research themes, otherwise they will be excluded from the selection process.
Admission requirements	<p>Admission is open to candidates of any nationality and age possessing one of the following requirements by the deadline of the call for application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Italian degree “Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento” (4-year-university degree) - Italian degree “Laurea Specialistica” or “Magistrale” (2nd-level two-year Italian university degree/Master program) - International academic qualification (degree) awarded in a foreign University or in the context of inter-university cooperation and mobility agreements. <p>Admission is also open to students who will obtain their degree by 31 October 2024.</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. 13), 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to a maximum of 7: <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 <i>curriculum vitae et studiorum</i>, including letters of reference from university professors; - Up to a maximum of 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed research project. <p>Before the interview, the scores assigned to candidates’ CV and application documents will be published on the University website under the label “Dottorati di Ricerca”.</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>The minimum score is 40/65 and the maximum is 65/80.</p>
Topics of the interview	The interview will focus on the research project proposed by each candidate and attached to the application.



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	<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 University website under the label "Dottorati di Ricerca".</p>
Timetable and interview location	<p>The exams will be held by September 12, 2024.</p> <p>The date(s) of the interview will be published on the University under the label "Dottorati di Ricerca" by the deadline of the application call.</p>
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