



PhD PROGRAMME IN “SOCIETY IN CHANGE: POLICIES, RIGHTS AND SECURITY”	
Coordinator	Prof. Alessandro Sterpa
Department	Department of Economics, Engineering, Society and Business Organization
Program duration	3 years
Program objectives	<p>The doctoral program "Society in Change: Policies, Rights and 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 21st 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.</p>
Number of positions	<p>no. 2 PhD positions with a higher education and research apprenticeship contract about the research line “The process of digitalization of tax certification in the changing relationship between the Tax Administration and taxpayers. Analysis of the impact of the electronic transmission of payments on the voluntary compliance rate”.</p> <p>The identified research field relates to the broader theme of adopting digital technologies aimed at improving the performance of public administrations and the quality of services provided to citizens and companies.</p> <p>The research project proposed by each candidate must include an in-depth study of a topic and/or an aspect of the above thematic area.</p>
Course program	<p>The course provides both in-person and remote training activities, including lectures, conferences, working groups, and collaboration between academics, researchers, and experts in the research fields.</p> <p>In particular, given the project in question, the doctoral program involves studying the impact of the use of new technologies and data management and processing (including databases, algorithms, and implementation and transmission models) on the administrative structure of the Public Administration.</p> <p>The doctoral student will need to combine technical and legal knowledge, both national and European, and address issues related to the concrete application of these, also with regard to the decision-making processes of the Public Administration.</p>



	<p>Indeed, the doctoral candidate must be able to apply administrative decision-making forms to information acquired through technological means.</p> <p>Particular attention will be paid to the issue of administrative discretion and the forms of administrative acts, including instruments of publicity, privacy, and protection of subjective rights and legitimate interests.</p> <p>The duration of the training provided by the University is equal to the commitments of the activities provided for in the doctoral program over the three years of the course, as per the current regulations on research doctorates.</p> <p>The duration of training provided by the Revenue Agency will be six months in total over the three years of the doctorate.</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> <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>To access the oral exam, a minimum score of 7 out of 15 is required.</p> <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	<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 University website under the label "Dottorati di Ricerca".</p>
Timetable and interview location	<p>The assessment of applicants' qualifications will take place on 29 November 2024, at 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>The interview will be held on 29 November 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at the S. Maria in Gradi complex, number 4, Viterbo.</p>
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