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## DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES AREA</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b>	Department of Political and Social Sciences
<b>PARTNER INSTITUTIONS</b>	University of Turin - Department of Cultures, Politics and Society
<b>CURRICULA</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 8</b> Positions with Scholarship: 8 Positions without Scholarship: <i>not foreseen</i>	
<b>Ranking List for STANDARD POSITIONS scholarships available: 7</b>	<b>3</b> – University of Florence <b>3</b> – University of Turin <b>1</b> - University of Turin - Department of Cultures, Politics and Society <b>Progetto Ministeriale “Dipartimenti di Eccellenza 2018-2022”</b> The research project aimed at analyzing, on a theoretical and empirical level, social problems of great collective importance, to be investigated with a multidisciplinary approach, according to a stakeholder-oriented logic and a public social science approach.
<b>Ranking List for POSITIONS WITH SPECIFIC RESEARCH TOPICS scholarship available: 1</b>	University of Florence – <b>Fondo Pluriennale Piano Strategico 2018</b> “Beyond Rational Actor Theories”
<b>RESERVED POSITIONS</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>STUDY/RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>MANDATORY PERIOD REQUIRED</b>	3 months
<b>DOCUMENTS TO BE ENCLOSED WITH THE APPLICATION</b>	<b>MANDATORY DOCUMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Copy of the Identification Document</li><li>• <a href="#">Replacement Declaration Form</a></li><li>• Curriculum vitae et studiorum</li><li>• Transcript of records of B.Sc. and M.Sc. degree with grades</li><li>• Abstract of M.Sc. degree thesis</li><li>• Research Project</li></ul> <b>OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Copy of a chapter of M.Sc. dissertation in <i>.pdf</i> format;</li><li>• list of any additional qualification document and scientific publication</li></ul>

<b>REFERENCE LETTERS</b>	A section is provided in the online application to specify the e-mail addresses of two professors/researchers willing to provide information about candidates training path and activities performed within a scientific field related to the Ph.D. course.
<b>RESEARCH PROJECT</b>	<p>Research project, in no more than 30,000 characters including blanks (bibliography not included). Candidates can present a research project for each ranking. For the candidates who are competing for the specific thematic "Beyond Rational Actor Theories" the project will deal with the theoretical approaches that, starting from the beginning of the twentieth century, have highlighted the analytical limits of the rational actor paradigm, opening unprecedented research perspectives on the social action and social actor and effectively contributing to the reinterpretation of the classics of the action theory.</p> <p>For candidates who are competing for the specific thematic "Theory for applied social research", the research project aimed at analyzing, on a theoretical and empirical level, social problems of great collective importance, to be investigated with a multidisciplinary approach, according to a stakeholder-oriented logic and a public social science approach. By way of example, privileged perspectives of study can be: decision-making processes related to complex phenomena in the economic, political and social sphere; public and media representation of specific problems; the definition and redefinition of the public agenda; the unexpected effects and unintended consequences of certain choices; impact and evaluation of public policies; the processes of economic and social innovation; the problems emerging at different territorial scales; the changes brought about by new digital technologies; the new forms of connection between economy, politics and society, the role of public opinion in the social-political arena and in decision-making processes.</p>
<b>MODALITY OF EVALUATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of curriculum vitae, research project, publications and other qualification documents</li> <li>• Interview as detailed in the section below "Evaluation Marks"</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER LANGUAGE FOR THE EXAMINATIONS</b>	English
<b>SKYPE INTERVIEW</b>	<b>YES</b> – possible for foreign resident only
<b>FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EXAMINATION</b>	The interview consists on the discussion of publications, qualification documents, research project, as well as the discussion on the texts listed in the section below " <b>Thematics</b> ". For the position with a specific research topic, during the interview, the knowledge of the candidate regarding the thematic of the scholarship will also be evaluated.

<b>EVALUATION MARKS</b>	<b>parameter</b>	<b>minimum score</b>	<b>maximum score</b>
	Curriculum, publications, qualification documents	15/120	20/120
	Final grade, abstract of the MSc dissertation, chapter of MSc dissertation	35/120	50/120
	<b>Applicants obtaining a score of at least 50/120 in the evaluation of the two above mentioned parameters will be admitted to the interview</b>		
	Interview: discussion of publications, qualification documents, research project, and discussion of the texts	30/120	50/120
	<b>Eligibility is achieved with a minimum score of 80/120</b>		
<b>THEMATICS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- M. Weber, <i>Protestant Ethics and the Spirit of Capitalism</i></li> <li>- M. Weber, <i>Politics as a Vocation</i></li> <li>- J.J. Linz, <i>Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes</i></li> <li>- M. Foucault, <i>Security, Territory, Population: Lectures at the College De France, 1977-1978</i></li> <li>- H. Arendt, <i>On Revolution</i></li> <li>- K. Polanyi, <i>The Great Transformation</i></li> <li>- R. Boudon, <i>Theories of Social Change: a Critical Appraisal</i></li> <li>- P. Berger e T. Luckmann, <i>The Social Construction of Reality</i></li> <li>- N. Elias e J. L. Scotson, <i>The Established and the Outsiders</i></li> <li>- H. S. Becker, <i>Tricks of the Trade. How to Think About your Research While You're Doing it</i></li> </ul> <p>Scholarship with specific research topic "Theory for applied social research"  By way of example, privileged perspectives of study can be: decision-making processes related to complex phenomena in the economic, political and social sphere; public and media representation of specific problems; the definition and redefinition of the public agenda; the unexpected effects and unintended consequences of certain choices; impact and evaluation of public policies; the processes of economic and social innovation; the problems emerging at different territorial scales; the changes brought about by new digital technologies; the new forms of connection between economy, politics and society, the role of public opinion in the social-political arena and in decision-making processes.</p>		
Further information available at the following web page: <a href="https://www.dsps.unifi.it/vp-233-dottorato-di-ricerca-in-mutamento-sociale-e-politico.html">https://www.dsps.unifi.it/vp-233-dottorato-di-ricerca-in-mutamento-sociale-e-politico.html</a>			

<b>EXAMINATION SCHEDULE</b>			
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>INTERVIEW</b>	21 September 2018	9:00 a.m.	Department of Political and Social Sciences Via delle Pandette, 32 - Florence
The list of the candidates admitted to the oral test and the final ranking will be published online at the following web page: <a href="https://www.unifi.it/p11361.html">https://www.unifi.it/p11361.html</a>			