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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR No. 24 PLACES (12 WITH SCHOLARSHIP  
AND 12 WITHOUT) IN THE SUMMER SCHOOLS ON  
INNOVATION AND DATA-DRIVEN RESEARCH IN HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES:  
FACTS, MYTHS, CHALLENGES**

The Human Rights Centre “Antonio Papisca” - University of Padova, with the financial support of the Padova University under the “Shaping a World-Class University - year 2021” programme, launches a call for a maximum of 24 places (of which 12 with accommodation cost waiver) in the Summer School on “Innovation and data driven research in human rights studies: Facts, myths, challenges” (Terme San Marco Institute, Monteortone, Padova, 12-16 September 2022).

**Art. 1. Establishment, location, language, and contents**

The Summer School (S.S.) in “Innovation and data driven research in human rights studies: Facts, myths, challenges” is the third edition of the residential summer school on “Normativity and Reality of Human Rights”, organised by the Human Rights Centre “Antonio Papisca” of the University of Padova in cooperation with the School of Advanced Studies, University of London.

The Summer School is residential. The location is the Terme San Marco Institute, Monteortone – Abano Terme (PD), Italy.

The only learning language is English.

The S.S. is articulated into 2 modules. Each module includes:

- A key lecture and discussion, critically addressing the topic and setting the terms of reference for the following steps;
- A Panel discussion with academics and stakeholders performing as challenge providers;
- Teamwork: participants are organised in interdisciplinary teams and tasked to respond to challenges and assignments.

The final day is devoted to a general presentation, discussion and feedback on the projects elaborated by the teams.

The modules are the following:

*Module 1 - Innovation in human rights research and practice*

(Monday, 12 September 2022)

- What is “innovation” in human rights? Key lecture and discussion
- Being “innovative” in human rights research and practice. Panel discussion with academics and challenge providers.

(Tuesday, 13 September 2022)

- Workshop: What is innovation? Discussion based on the analysis of ongoing research projects.
- Excursion.

*Module 2: Producing, analysing, and visualising data in human rights studies*

(Wednesday, 14 September 2022)

- Data-driven research in human rights. Key lecture and discussion
- Collecting and processing data for human rights research and advocacy. Panel discussion with academics and challenge providers.

(Thursday 15 September 2022)

- Workshop: Working with data. Discussion based on ongoing research and advocacy projects.
- Workshop. Data visualisation and infographic design: theory, methods, and tools.

(Friday, 16 September 2022)

- Team reports on lessons learned and skills acquired.
- Conclusion and diploma awarding.

The full programme will be available at this [link](#).

## **Art. 2. Academic quality and ECTS credits**

Lectures and workshops are held by scholars from the board of the Doctorate in Human Rights, Society and Multi-level Governance and more partner universities.

Full participation entitles the awarding of 6 ECTS credits. A certificate of participation can be produced at request.

## **Art. 3. Admission requirements**

Admissible participants must meet any the following criteria:

- a. Academic and professional qualifications:
  - To hold a Master's degree in any relevant field;
  - To be enrolled in a PhD programme;
  - To be enrolled in any master's degree programme;
  - To have a collaborative or employment contract with an organisations working in the field of human rights.
- b. Linguistic qualifications:
  - To hold a certificate of B2 or higher level of proficiency in English awarded by a recognised institution (this item does not apply to applicants having English as their first language).

## **Art. 4 Application procedure**

To participate in this selection, applicants must fill out the application form available at this [link](#) **by 1.00 pm on 25 July 2022**, and send it with the following documents to the e-mail address [centro.dirittiumani@unipd.it](mailto:centro.dirittiumani@unipd.it):

- a. a valid ID card;
- b. a copy of the language certificate or other document attesting the; applicant's proficiency in the English language as specified in art. 3(b);
- c. a document certifying the applicant's academic enrolment, if applicable;

- d. a motivation letter in English (up to 1500 characters, with spaces);
- e. an updated CV;
- f. any additional qualifications which may be relevant to the assessment.

#### **Art. 5 Selection procedure and publication of the ranking list**

A Committee to evaluate the applications and draw the ranking will be appointed by the Director of Human Rights Centre "Antonio Papisca" of the University of Padova.

Applicants are ranked in accordance with the following criteria and relative points:

- CV (including research/work experience, publications, etc.): up to 30 points
- Field of study/expertise: up to 30 points
- Motivation statement: up to 30 points
- proficiency in English: up to 10 points.

A minimum of 60 points is required for admission.

The Committee will also implement criteria of nondiscrimination and diversity in the applicants' academic background.

Should the Committee deem it necessary, a face-to-face or online interview may be arranged; if this is the case, candidates will be notified of the time and place of the interview. Failure to attend the interview will result in the automatic exclusion of the candidate from the selection.

Once the Committee has fulfilled its task, the ranking list of admitted candidates will be published on the Human Rights Centre's website ([https://bit.ly/humanrights\\_summerschool22](https://bit.ly/humanrights_summerschool22)) on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

Should a selected candidate withdraw, the following eligible candidate on the ranking list shall be awarded the place.

#### **Art. 6 Economic provisions**

The University of Padova will book and cover the accommodation and board costs for the first 12 selected participants.

Participation in the Summer School does not entail any fees except for the full-board accommodation costs for the participants from the 13th position onwards who are entitled to autonomously book their full-board accommodation. Please visit this [link](#).

For further information:

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