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Vision

The vision of the International Ph.D Programme in Criminology is to become the programme of choice for highly-qualified students seeking an advanced research degree in Criminology.

The Programme views interdisciplinary work and research as the core of its activity. Its aim is to promote innovative and dynamic thinking by blending theory and practice in the fields of criminology, criminal justice, and crime prevention.

Mission

The International Ph.D in Criminology seeks to prepare graduates to meet traditional and emerging standards of excellence in criminology. This is achieved through a specially-designed training, research, and teaching Programme. It is expected that graduates taking part in the Programme will pursue careers in academe, research, law enforcement, international organizations, industry, or consulting.

Transcrime

The Joint Research Centre Transcrime is the scientific support structure of the Ph.D. The centre offers an integrated group of strengths and capabilities in criminology and criminal justice at the Catholic University of Milan and the University of Trento. Its excellence in research has been demonstrated by continued international funding in this area (two projects under the 6th and one under the 7th European Research Framework Programme).

Today Transcrime is an international point of reference for international scholars investigating crime from legal, sociological and economic perspectives. Agreements with the associated universities, as well as the lecturers who are members of the Academic Board, pave the way for specialised research and offer promising possibilities of entry into research or other professions where an in-depth knowledge of this field is required.

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Strengths of the Ph.D

All the activities of the Ph.D. are in **English**. This includes lectures, seminars, the Ph.D. thesis and the final examination.

Direct involvement of Ph.D candidates who have been awarded scholarships in the research activities carried out by Transcrime. Ph.D candidates will participate in international and national research projects, and will assist with their organization and management.

Ph.D candidates will be given the opportunity to carry out their assignments in a **stimulating environment** enriched by the participation of outstanding personnel with leading roles in academic institutions, institutional bodies, law enforcement, and business organizations, and who are well-established at a national, European and international level.

The opportunity to obtain a **dual qualification**. Ph.D candidates who successfully complete at least one academic year of study and research abroad at one of the Programme's partner universities under the guidance of a tutor from that University will be awarded both the title of Doctor of Research and the equivalent academic title from the partner university.

The value of the Academic Board and Faculty members. A number of the members of the Academic Board who lecture and tutor in the Ph.D Programme are key international researchers in criminology.

The organisational structure. Transcrime is a Joint Research Centre of the Catholic University of Milan and the University of Trento. Transcrime combines the strengths of both Universities and conducts studies at a local, national, European and international level. The Catholic University of Milan has a comprehensive Programme in Criminology which comprises a Bachelor's degree course in Sociology, a Master's degree course in Criminological Sciences and Security (taught partly in Italian and partly in English) and this International Ph.D. Programme.

The ability to obtain **funding from private and public bodies**. The International Ph.D Programme in Criminology has always received scholarships from public and private bodies, in addition to those awarded by universities. In particular, private companies such as ADT, Eni Corporate University, Gucci, Philip Morris International, Pirelli, Gucci, TIM and Telecom Italia, associated universities such as the University of Teramo, and public institutions such as the High Commission for the Struggle against Counterfeiting [Alto Commissario per la lotta alla contraffazione] and the Autonomous Province of Trento award - or have previously awarded - additional scholarships. The scholarship sponsors are committed to financing this Ph.D Programme so as to contribute to the education and training of future professionals in the fields of crime prevention, business security, and risk assessment.

Opportunities to pursue a career. Graduates of the International Ph.D in Criminology have access to career opportunities in both the academic world and public and private organizations. Ph.D graduates are currently working at the Università degli Studi, Trento, the Università degli Studi Milano Bicocca, the Catholic University of Milan, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the European Commission, Eurojust, Louis Vuitton, Parmalat S.p.A., PricewaterhouseCoopers, Telecom Italia, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence.

Reading lists: the Ph.D. candidates, under the guidance of senior researchers, will complete a literature review(s) on a specific topic(s) relating to the candidate's research interests (first year candidates).

Graduate courses: the Ph.D. candidates will attend graduate courses aimed at completing and strengthening the candidates' background (I year candidates). The necessary course work to be carried out is defined upon admission to the Programme. Course work is defined by the Coordinator in accordance to each candidate's curriculum. Graduate courses will include a final examination. In addition, PhD candidates will prepare a paper (in English) on a topic agreed upon with the Professor of the course(s). Graduate courses may include:

- *Statistics and advanced statistics*
- *Criminal law and procedure (Italian and comparative)*
- *Methodology of criminological research*
- *Criminology and Applied Criminology*
- *Victimology*

Ph.D courses: Ph.D candidates will complete additional courses designed for Ph.D candidates only. These Ph.D courses will provide specific, in-depth training for Ph.D candidates (I and II year candidates).

Lectures by visiting professors: Ph.D candidates will attend intensive lectures by visiting professors from leading foreign and national universities. Visiting professors will give lectures on innovative issues in criminology and criminal justice.

Lectures

Comparing Crime Trends at the International and EU Level

Prof. Aebi, Università Autonoma di Barcellona –
Università di Losanna

Corruption

Prof. Nikos Passas, Northeastern University

Methodology for Criminological Research,

Prof. Stefanizzi, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

Organised Crime

Prof. van de Bunt, Università Erasmus, Rotterdam

Organized Crime and Corruption

Prof. Chris Eskridge, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Situational Crime Prevention

Prof. Ronald Clarke, Rutgers University Newark

Social network analysis

Prof. Mangai Natarajan, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Organising criminal trade

Prof. Petrus van Duyne, Tilburg University

Corruption

Prof. Alberto Vannucci, Università di Pisa

Cybercrime and Counterfeiting

Prof. David Wall, Durham University

Economics of crime and organized crime networks

Prof. Giovanni Mastrobuoni, Collegio Carlo Alberto

Economics of crime and costs of crime

Dr. Maurizio Lisciandra, Università di Messina

The Mathematical and Simulation of Crime Hotspots Project: A multi-disciplinary approach to understanding, predicting, and a controlling urban crime

Prof. George Tita, University of California, Irvine

Research

Participation in research projects: Ph.D candidates will collaborate on Transcrime's on-going research projects. Candidates will be given increasing project responsibilities. On reaching the third year of the Programme, candidates will be expected to be able to coordinate a research project (under the supervision of Professor Savona and other senior researchers).

Book reviews and essays: Ph.D candidates will write book reviews and comparative reviews on one or more topics related to their research interests (I and II year candidates). These reviews and essays may be submitted to scientific journals (such as the European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research edited by Professor Ernesto U. Savona).

Article for a scientific journal: Ph.D candidates will write a paper on a topic relating to their research interests under the supervision of the coordinator and their tutor (II and III year candidates). Candidates are expected to have submitted at least one paper to an international peer reviewed journal by the end of the second year.

Period abroad: Following Board approval, Ph.D candidates will be able to spend a period of study and research abroad. They can choose whether to go to a foreign university or research institution. It is also possible to spend a period abroad working in an organization dealing with crime at an international level, such as the United Nations, the World Bank, the IMF, Interpol, the Council of Europe, Eurojust, Europol, the International office of the Italian Ministry of Justice, or the Research and Documentation Centre of the Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands. Additionally, the private enterprises that offer scholarships may host one or more students to study topics such as business security and cybercrime.

Ph.D thesis: Ph.D candidates will write a Ph.D thesis to complete the Programme. The thesis is expected to reach the standard of a publishable book: that is, the standard used when acting as a referee for a refereed journal article or that of a book proposed to an international publisher.

Teaching activities

Course Tutoring: upon request by the coordinator, Ph.D candidates will tutor students from the BA and the MA programmes of the Faculty of Sociology at the Catholic University of Milan. This will include assisting course professors with class management, assignments, examinations, and marking.

Dissertation Tutoring: upon request by the coordinator, Ph.D candidates may tutor students from the BA and the MA programmes of the Faculty of Sociology at the Catholic University of Milan on writing their final dissertations. This will include coaching students and correcting documents in collaboration with course professors.

Workshops and seminars: upon request by the coordinator, Ph.D candidates may hold workshops and seminars for students on the BA and the MA programmes of the Faculty of Political and social sciences at the Catholic University of Milan (II and III year candidates). These activities will cover research and writing skills, along with specific seminars on a topic related to the candidate's research interests.

Teaching Assistant: upon request by the coordinator, Ph.D candidates may participate as teaching assistants in regular courses on the BA and the MA programmes of the Faculty of Political and social sciences at the Catholic University of Milan (II and III year candidates). This may include lecturing on an entire course or workshop or part of one, including final examinations.

The Ph.D is an internationally-oriented programme. The Coordinator and Board will encourage and support Ph.D candidates who wish to spend **a period of study and research abroad**, especially if the chosen destination is one of the Programme's foreign partner universities.

The Programme is designed to ensure a **high-standard of quality, along with the completion of successful researches and theses**. The **Selection Committee** will decide on the admission of graduates to the International Ph.D. in Criminology. The Committee will be nominated by the Academic Board and will consist of at least three members. Members of the committee may also be selected from the associated universities.

First Year

Project and Topic Formulation.

By the end of the first year, Ph.D candidates are expected to have delivered:

- an activity report;
- a research project; and
- a paper addressing the topic of their Ph.D thesis, in particular:

- _selection of a topic;
- _a literature review and identification of knowledge gaps;
- _identification of one or more research issues on which to focus;
- _a presentation of the research topic.

Ph.D candidates will be required to defend their research project and topic formulation before the Academic Board. The Academic Board will decide on a candidate's admission to the second year of the Programme.

Second Year

Development of a Research and Scientific Paper.

Ph.D candidates will further advance their research through reports, which will be discussed individually or in a seminar format every two months. The Coordinator will assign a tutor to each candidate. The Coordinator and tutors will attend these meetings.

By the end of the second year, Ph.D candidates will have delivered:

- an activity report
- a research project
- a paper approved by the Coordinator and submitted to an international peer reviewed journal for publication. The paper should ideally address the topic of the candidate's thesis.

Ph.D candidates will be required to defend their research project and paper before the Academic Board. The Academic Board will decide on a candidate's admission to the third year of the Programme.

Third year

Development and Completion of the Ph.D Thesis

Ph.D candidates will complete their research and finalize their Ph.D thesis. The state of a candidate's advancement through the process will be assessed in periodic meetings with the Coordinator and tutors.

By the end of the third year, Ph.D candidates will have delivered:

- an activity report
- a draft of the final Ph.D thesis. The draft of the final thesis will be assessed by the candidate's tutor and two other external referees with competence in the thesis topic. The thesis must attain the standard of a publishable paper or book: that is, the standard applied when acting as a referee for a refereed journal article or a book proposed to an international publisher. On the basis of the judgment of the tutor and external referees, the Academic Board will decide whether or not to recommend that the candidate submit the thesis to the Examination Commission for the final examination.

Final examination

Admission to the final examination will follow a procedure ensuring the high quality of the Ph.D. thesis and research (see The Ph.D. thesis section). Once submitted (at the end of the third year), each draft of the candidate's final thesis will be assessed by his/her tutor and by two other external referees competent on the topic of the thesis. These referees will decide whether or not the candidate's work meets the standard of a publishable book, i.e. the standard used when acting as a referee for a refereed journal article or a book proposed to an international publisher. On the basis of the judgment made by the tutor and the external referees, the Academic Board will decide whether or not to recommend the candidate to submit the thesis to the examination Commission for the final examination.

The examination Commission will award the Ph.D. title to successful candidates. The Commission will be nominated by the Academic Board and will consist of at least three Associate or Full Professors from Italian or foreign universities (in particular from the associated universities).

The examination Commission

The last Commissions selected included the following professors:

Prof. Marcelo Aebi
Université de Lausanne

Prof. Laura De Fazio
University of Modena

Prof. Martin Killias
Zürich University

Prof. Krzysztof Krajewski
Jagiellonian University, Krakow

Prof. Isabella Merzagora Betsos
University of Milan Bicocca

Prof. Paul Ponsaers
Ghent University

Prof. Dina Siegel
Utrecht University

Prof. Gert Vermeulen
Ghent University

Prof. David Wall
Durham University

Prof. Damian Zaitch
Utrecht University

Scholarships

Every year, one or more scholarships are awarded to promising candidates enrolled on the International Ph.D in Criminology programme. The number of grants available may vary. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a ranking drawn up by the Selection Committee.

This ranking is based on the results of the selection procedure.

Scholarships will cover the entire period spent in the Ph.D Programme. They will be issued in equal instalments every two months, in February, April, June, August, October, and December. The annual amount of each scholarship is approximately 13,000 euros. Ph.D scholarships are tax-free.

Should the candidate undertake a study period abroad, the scholarship may be increased by a minimum of 50%. Candidates with scholarships are exempted from the University's entrance and annual fees.

Annual fees

The University's entrance and annual fees for students without scholarships amount to approximately €1,700.00. These fees are paid in two instalments, the first on enrolment and/or renewal of enrolment, and the second on the 30th of June of each year.

How to Apply

Instructions and the deadlines for application are available on the webpage of the **Ph.D Programmes Office of the Catholic University**. (<http://milano.unicatt.it/3153.html>).

The Ph.D Programmes Office will provide you with further important information on course requirements, deadlines for application, and the procedures to be followed when applying for the International Ph.D in Criminology.

Please note that some of the information and requirements may vary from year to year. We advise potential candidates to check this website frequently, and to contact us by e-mail if necessary.

The Catholic University publishes a call for applications every year. The call for applications is normally available in Italian and English on the Ph.D Programmes Office website.

You can consult past calls on <http://milano.unicatt.it/3155.html>.

Please note that the call for applications is the only official source of information on deadlines and dates. The university will give notice of any changes.

In order to help potential candidates in completing their applications for the International Ph.D in Criminology, some general, but unofficial, information on the selection procedure is provided below.

- *The call for applications is usually published in July.*
- *Applications must normally be submitted within 45 days after publication of the call for applications.*
- *The dates of the telephone interviews will be announced soon. The examinations will be held on 3th December.*

Candidates will be contacted for a **short phone interview** (of about 20 minutes). During this interview the motivations of the potential candidate, along with his/her level of interest in the Programme, will be discussed. An assessment will also be made to understand if what is being offered meets demand. Also answers will be given to any queries there may have. Phone interviews will be held approximately two weeks before the examinations.

Suggested reading

The following list provides some initial references for the preparation of the written examination:

Criminological theories

- F.P. Williams, M.D. McShane, *Devianza e criminalità*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2002, ISBN: 978-88-15-08867-3.
- F.P. Williams, M.D. McShane, *Criminological Theory*, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 2009, ISBN:0135154618.

Organised crime

- D. Siegel, H. Nelen (eds.), *Organized Crime: Culture, Markets and Policies*, Springer, 2009.

Economic crime

- E.H. Sutherland (a cura di A.Ceretti e I. Merzagora), *La criminalità dei colletti bianchi e altri scritti*, Unicopli, Milano, 1996, ISBN: 88-7061-858-7.
- V. Ruggiero, *Economie sporche: l'impresa criminale in Europa*, Bollati Boringhieri, Torino, 1996, ISBN: 88-339-0992-1.
- E.H. Sutherland, *White Collar Crime*, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York, N.Y., 1961.
- V. Ruggiero, *Organized and Corporate Crime in Europe: Offers That Can't Be Refused (Socio-Legal Studies Series)*, Dartmouth Pub. Co., 1996, ISBN: 1855215225.

Cybercrime

- D.S. Wall, *Cybercrime: The Transformation of Crime in the Information Age*, Polity Press, Cambridge, 2007, ISBN: 0-7456-2735-8.

Urban security

- R. Selmini, *La sicurezza urbana*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2004, ISBN: 8815099085.
- R.V. Clarke (ed.), *Situational Crime Prevention, Successful Case Studies*, Harrow and Heston, Guildenland, New York, 1997, ISBN: 0-911577-38-6.

Business security

- M. Felson, R.V. Clarke (eds.), *Business and Crime Prevention*, Criminal Justice Press, Monsey (NY), 1997, ISBN: 1-881798-09-7.

Public policies of prevention and crime control

- B.C. Welsh, D.P. Farrington, L.W. Sherman (eds.), *Costs and Benefits of Preventing Crime*, Westview Press, Boulder-Oxford, 2001, ISBN: 0-8133-9780-4.

Methodology of criminological research

- R. Bachman, R.K. Schutt, *The Practice of Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice*, Sage, Thousand Oaks, CA, 2007, ISBN: 978-1-4129-5032-9.

Examinations

Candidates will be admitted on the basis of a written and oral examination.

The **written examination** will consist of one short essay on the international and European dimensions of crime problems. The candidate will be able to choose a topic from a list of titles, one for each of the following topics: Criminological Theories; Organised Crime; Economic Crime; Cybercrimes; Urban Security; Business Security; Public policies of prevention and crime control; Methodology of criminological research.

The written examination may be taken in either English or Italian. Considering the international character of the Ph.D. Programme, the choice of English is recommended.

The Selection Committee will grade the written examinations from 0 to 60 points. Candidates who have obtained a score more than 40/60 on the written test will be admitted to the oral exam.

The **oral examination** consists in the presentation of a research project on a criminological topic. The candidate under examination is free to present any project of his/her choice. Candidates may use a slide show presentation (e.g. MS Powerpoint or OpenOffice.org Impress). The oral examination may be taken either in English or Italian. Considering the international character of the Ph.D. Programme, the choice of English is recommended.

The Selection Committee will grade the oral examinations from 0 to 60 points.

Criteria for the assessment of the candidate.

The final score awarded to each candidate is equivalent to the sum of the scores of the written and oral examination.

In evaluating candidates the Selection Committee will consider:

- Curriculum vitae and previous qualifications in the area;
- Correctness, quality and clarity of the essay;
- Aptitude for the design and completion of research, as demonstrated by the discussion of the research project;
- Linguistic skills of the candidate.