



# INTERNATIONAL PHD IN CRIMINOLOGY

International PHD in  
Criminology

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## WHO WE ARE

### 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 **academia, research, law enforcement, international organizations, industry, or consulting**.

## THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE Transcrime

**The Joint Research Centre Transcrime** is the scientific support structure of the Ph.D. Transcrime is a Joint Research Centre of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan and Università di Trento. The centre offers an integrated group of strengths and capabilities in criminology and criminal justice at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan and Università di Trento. 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 established at a national, European and international level. 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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### CONTACTS

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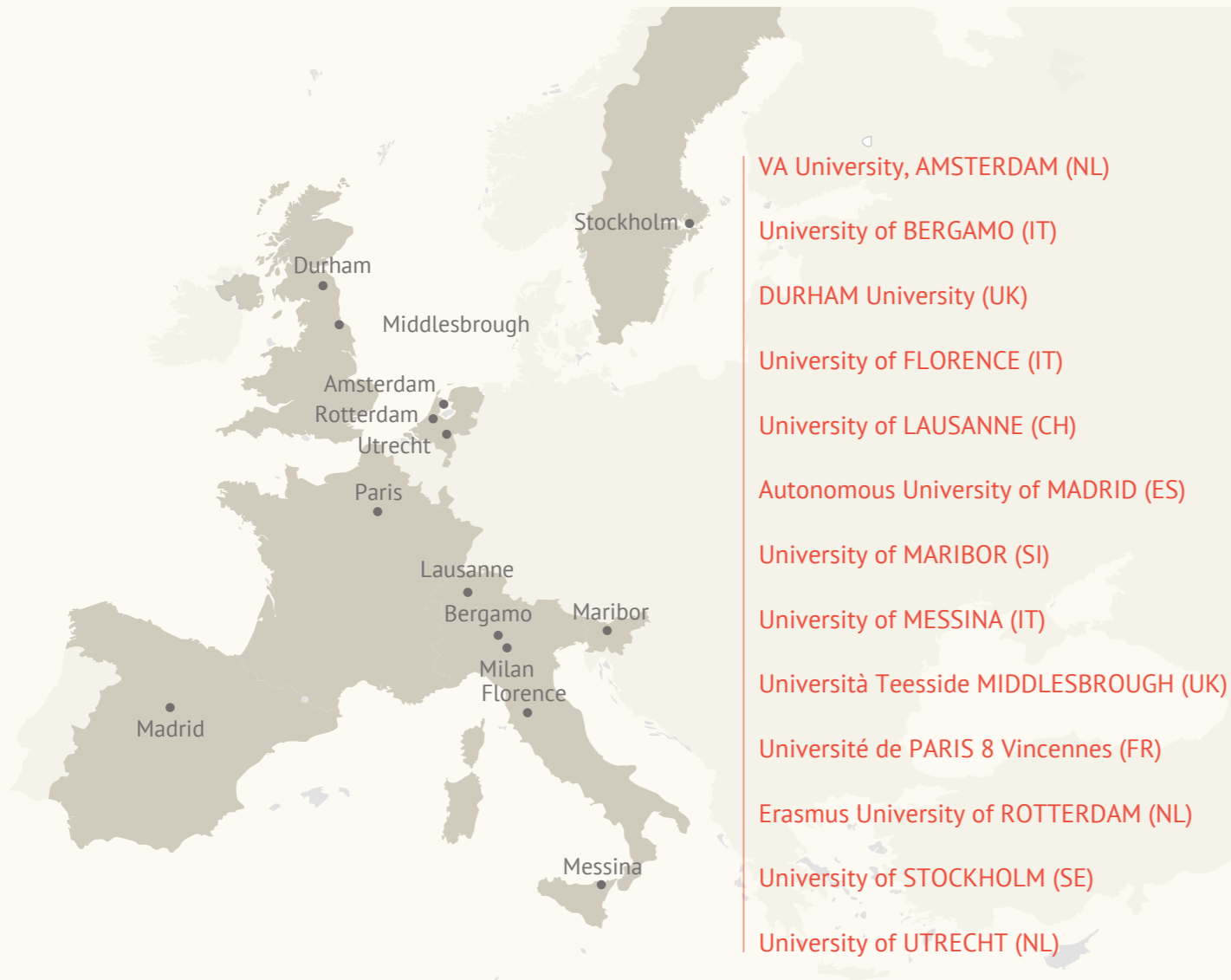


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## PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



### PH.D. PARTNERS

• Eni Corporate University



• Guccio Gucci S.p.A.



• Philip Morris International



## ACADEMIC BOARD

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- Prof. **Dina SIEGEL** - Faculty of Law, University of Utrecht, Utrecht (The Netherlands)
- Prof. **David S. WALL** - School of Applied Social Sciences, Durham University (United Kingdom)

## STRENGTHS OF THE PH.D



### ENGLISH

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



### INTERNATIONAL PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS

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 professors and researchers in criminology and related disciplines**.



### DIRECT INVOLVEMENT

**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.



### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Every year, the Ph.D. offers several 3-year scholarships of € 13,600 per year to the best candidates (doctoral scholarships are tax-free). Candidates with a scholarship are exempted from the payment of the annual fee. In order to favour the **international scope of the Ph.D.**, the admitted candidates residing abroad may be refunded up to € 5,000 for documented travel and lodging expenses incurred during the first year of Ph.D. for moving to Milan.

## STRENGTHS OF THE PH.D



### PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDINGS

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.



### DOCTOR EUROPAEUS

Ph.D. candidates who successfully complete a period of study and research abroad, in one of the partner universities, may be awarded the **additional title of Doctor Europaeus**.



### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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 *University of Trento, the University of Milan-Bicocca, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore 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*.

## 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).

## 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 in accordance to each candidate's curriculum. Graduate courses will include a final examination. In addition, Ph.D. 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*

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).

## 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.

## READING LISTS

## LECTURES

### Comparative Criminology

Prof. Marcelo Aebi - Prof. Antonia Linde, University of Lausanne – Open University of Catalonia

### Corruption

Prof. Alberto Vannucci, University of Pisa

### Crime in the International Diamond Trade

Prof. Dina Siegel, Utrecht University

### Cybercrime

Dr. David Décary-Héту, University of Lausanne

### Cybercrime and Counterfeiting

Prof. David Wall, Durham University

### Economics of Crime

Dr. Maurizio Lisciandra, University of Messina

### Economics of Crime and Organized Crime Network

Prof. Giovanni Mastrobuoni, College Carlo Alberto

### Genocide and international law

Prof. Chris Eskridge, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

### The mathematical simulation of crime hotspots project: a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding, predicting, and controlling urban crime

Prof. George Tita, University of California, Irvine

### Methodology for Criminological Research

Prof. Sonia Stefanizzi, University of Milan-Bicocca

### Migration and Crime

Prof. Luigi Solivetti, University of Roma La Sapienza

### Organised Crime

Prof. Henk Van de Bunt, Erasmus University Rotterdam

### Organising Criminal Trade

Prof. Petrus van Duyne, Tilburg University

### Situational Crime Prevention

Prof. Ron Clarke, Rutgers University

### Social Network Analysis

Prof. Mangai Natarajan, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

### Terrorism

Dr. Manuela Caiani, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) of Wien

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## 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).

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).

### BOOK REVIEWS AND ESSAYS

### 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.

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.

### PERIOD ABROAD

Ph.D. candidates will write a Ph.D. thesis to complete the Programme. The thesis is expected to reach the standards 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**.

### PH.D. THESIS

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## Teaching activities

### COURSE TUTORING

Ph.D. candidates may **tutor students from the BA and the MA programmes** of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan. This will include assisting course professors with class management, assignments, examinations, and marking.

Ph.D. candidates may **tutor students from the BA and the MA programmes** of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan on **writing their final dissertations**. This will include coaching students and correcting documents in collaboration with course professors.

### DISSERTATION TUTORING:

### WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

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 Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore 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.

# .06 STUDY COURSE

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## FIRST YEAR

### RESEARCH PROJECT 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 the selection of a topic, a literature review, the identification of knowledge gaps, the identification of one or more research issues on which to focus and 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

### RESEARCH PROJECT 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. By the end of the second year Ph.D. candidates will have delivered: an **activity report, a research project, a book review, a draft of the first two chapters of the thesis, and a paper approved by an international peer reviewed journal**. 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

### 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. By the end of the third year Ph.D. candidates will have delivered: an **activity report, a draft of the final Ph.D. thesis**. **Admission to the final examination will follow a procedure ensuring the high quality of the Ph.D. thesis and research.** 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.

# .06 STUDY COURSE

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## FINAL DEFENSE

The final defense will be held before a commission composed of at least three professor from Italian and foreign universities, two of which are not members of the Academic Board. The defense, public and entirely in English, includes the presentation of the research and of the results by the candidate and questions by the commissioners. The commission will award the title of Ph.D. in Criminology to candidates authoring innovative studies of high quality at the international level.

## PREVIOUS COMMISSIONS

-  Prof. Marcelo Aebi  
University of Lausanne
-  Prof. Laura De Fazio  
University of Modena
-  Prof. Martin Killias  
Zurich University
-  Prof. Krzysztof Krajewski  
Jagiellonian University, Krakow
-  Prof. Isabella Merzagora Betsos  
University of Milan Bicocca
-  Prof. Henk Van de Bunt,  
Erasmus University of Rotterdam
-  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
-  Prof. Hans Nelen  
Maastricht University

# .07 ADMISSION

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## INFORMAL APPLICATION

It is possible to participate in an **informal pre-application process at any moment of the year** by sending an email to the Vice Coordinator of the Ph.D. (Francesco Calderoni, francesco.calderoni@unicatt.it) or to Transcrime's Secretariat (transcrime@unicatt.it) and attaching an English CV. Afterwards, the candidate **may be invited to submit a research proposal** and to participate in a **phone or Skype interview** to discuss the proposal.

The candidate will receive an evaluation from the Vice Coordinator with **two possible results**:

- a) **positive assessment**, exempting the candidate from sending a research proposal and participating in the interview after the publication of call for application. The candidate will formalize his/her application, after the publication of the call for application, by sending the requested documentation by email at transcrime@unicatt.it.
- b) **negative assessment**, allowing to submit a formal application after having substantially revised the research proposal during the formal application period.

## APPLICATION

The call for applications is published every year (in general **at the end of July**). The call for application is available in English and Italian at the webpage of the Ph.D. Office (<http://milano.unicatt.it/dottorati-bandi>) Candidates must fill the application form available (after the publication of the call for applications) at: <http://milano.unicatt.it/dottorati-bandi>. The application and the documents requested in the call for applications must be sent in pdf format at transcrime@unicatt.it, within the deadline indicated in the call for application

Each candidate must send a **research proposal** for his/her Ph.D. thesis. The proposal should be divided in the following sections: review of the state-of-the-art; research problem and questions; objectives and methodology; expected results and possible limitations.

**The research proposal must not exceed 20 thousand characters.**

## THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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## THE EVALUATION

The **evaluation for the admission to the Ph.D.** is based on (also for candidates with a positive assessment after the pre-application process):

- a) **curriculum vitae and other titles**
- b) **research proposal**
- c) **phone or video (e.g. via Skype) interview**

The assessment is based on a **0-70 points scale** according to the following criteria:

- Points **a)** and **b)** may receive between **0 and 20 points each**. Only candidates totalling **at least 30 points** are admitted to the interview. The results of the assessment of points a) and b) are communicated to the candidate by email along with the possible interview invitation within 20 days from the expiry of the call for applications.
- Point **c)** may receive between **0 and 30 points**. The interview must be in English and will aim at discussing the candidate's motivation and research proposal, as well as answering any question by the admission committee. Only candidates receiving **at least 20 points** may be admitted to the Ph.D.

**The final ranking is the result of the sum of the scores achieved** in points a), b), and c). Candidates are admitted according to the ranking, up to the number of available positions.

## 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 €13,600 (doctoral scholarships are tax-free). 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.