INTERNATIONAL PHD IN CRIMINOLOGY

Cycle XXXV
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. Interdisciplinary work and research are 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.

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. Ph.D. graduates are expected to pursue their career in academia, research, law enforcement, international organizations, industry, or consulting.

Transcrime - Joint Research Centre on Transnational Crime of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan (www.transcrime.it/en) is the scientific support structure of the International Ph.D. in Criminology. It offers an integrated group of strengths and capabilities in criminology and criminal justice. Ph.D. candidates will be given the opportunity to carry out their assignments in a stimulating environment enriched by the participation of outstanding lecturers with leading roles in academic institutions, institutional bodies, law enforcement, and business organizations, and who are renowned at a national, European and international level. Its excellence in research is demonstrated by continued international funding in this area (projects under the 6th and the 7th Framework Programme, Horizon 2020 and DG Home Affairs). 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 lectures given by 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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- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (NL)
- University of Cardiff (UK)
- Università degli Studi di Firenze (IT)
- University of Leeds (UK)
- UNIL - Université de Lausanne (CH)
- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (ES)
- Univerza v Mariboru (SI)
- Università degli Studi di Messina (IT)
- Université Paris 8 (FR)
- Erasmus University Rotterdam (NL)
- Stockholms Universitet (SE)
- University of Surrey (UK)
- Teesside University (UK)
- Universiteit Utrecht (NL)

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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.

Ph.D. candidates may spend a period of study and research abroad in a foreign university or a research institution. In recent years, our Ph.D. students spent a semester in one of the following universities or institutions: Carnegie Mellon University, European University Saint Petersburg, Europol, George Mason University, Organization of American States, New York University, University of California, University of Maryland, University of South Florida and Vrije Universiteit.

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

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, Guccio Gucci S.p.A., Philip Morris International, Pirelli, 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 and the autonomous Province of Trento award - or have previously awarded - additional scholarships.

Candidates awarded the International Ph.D. in Criminology can access to career opportunities in the academic world, public and private sector, NGOs and international organizations. International Ph.D. in Criminology graduates are currently working at: University of Cardiff, University of Surrey, UNIL-Université de Lausanne, Università degli Studi di Trento, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, European Commission, Eurojust, Louis Vuitton, PWC, SNAM, Small Arms Survey, UNICRI, Save the Children.

Transcrime has carried out more than 100 research projects, mostly as coordinator. Most of these studies have been funded by national authorities, European and international institutions, among them Horizon 2020, European Commission - DG Home Affairs, Italian Home Office, Regione Trentino, Regione Lombardia.
Ph.D. candidates will attend courses specifically organised for the Ph.D. programme aimed at providing in-depth knowledge of specific topics (1st and 2nd year candidates). They may also attend courses organised in collaboration with other universities.

Ph.D. candidates will attend Master courses aimed at completing and strengthening the candidates’ background (1st year candidates). The necessary course work to be carried out is defined upon admission to the Programme. Course work is defined in accordance with each candidate’s curriculum. Master courses will include a final examination. Additionally, 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

Ph.D. candidates under the guidance of senior researchers, will complete a literature review(s) on a specific topic relating to the candidate’s research interests (1st year candidates).

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 (see examples on the right).

### Lectures by Visiting Professors

### Past Lectures

**Collusion in contracts**
Prof. Francesco Decarolis, Università Bocconi

**Comparing organised crime**
Prof. Marcelo Aebi and Prof. Antonia Linde, UNIL-Université de Lausanne - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

**Corruption**
Prof. Alberto Vannucci, Università di Pisa

**Ecology of gangs and predictive policing**
Prof. George Tita, University of California

**Economics of crime and corruption**
Prof. Maurizio Lisciandra, Università di Messina

**Firearms**
Prof. Philip Cook, Sanford School of Public Policy

**Gangs, OC & criminal careers**
Prof. Scott Decker, Arizona State University

**Gis e spatial analysis**
Dr. Anna Sergi, Essex University

**White collar crime**
Prof. Chris Eskridge, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Life course criminology**
Prof. Arjan Blokland, Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement

**Mafias abroad and human smuggling**
Dr. Paolo Campana, University of Cambridge

**Organised Crime**
Prof. Henk G. Van de Bunt, Erasmus University Rotterdam

**Organised crime and methodology**
Prof. Dina Siegel, Utrecht University

**Organising Criminal Trade**
Prof. Petrus C. van Duyne, Tilburg University

**Seminar on academic writing and peer reviewed journal**
Proff. Francesco Calderoni Calderoni, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore; Paolo Volonté, Politecnico di Milano; David Smahel, Masaryk University

**SNA – Social network analysis**
Prof. Francesco Calderoni, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

**Terrorism**
Dr. Manuela Caiani, Institute for Advanced Studies

The nexus between contexts of crime risk and socioeconomic disadvantage on the rates of violent crime victimization
Dr. Alejandro Giménez-Santana, Rutgers University
Research

Ph.D. candidates will collaborate on Transcrime’s on-going research projects. Candidates will be given increasing project responsibilities. On reaching the 3rd 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 a paper on a topic relating to their research interests under the supervision of the coordinator and their tutor (2nd and 3rd year candidates). Candidates are expected to submit at least one paper to an international peer reviewed journal by the end of the 2nd year.

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 a book proposed to an international publisher.

Teaching activities

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

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 Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan (2nd and 3rd year candidates). These activities will cover research and writing skills, along with specific seminars on a topic related to the candidate’s research interests.

Following the Board approval, Ph.D. candidates will be able to spend a period of study and research abroad. They may choose whether to go to a foreign university or a 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, private enterprises offering scholarships may host one or more students to study topics such as business security and cybercrime.
RESEARCH PROJECT FORMULATION

By the end of the 1st year, Ph.D. candidates are expected to submit: 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 2nd year of the Programme.

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 2nd year Ph.D. candidates should submit: 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 3rd year of the Programme.

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 3rd year Ph.D. candidates should submit: an activity report and 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 tutor and external referees, the Academic Board will suggest the candidate whether or not to submit the thesis to the Examination Commission for the final examination.

The final defense will be held before a commission composed of at least three professors 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 research and 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.

Prof. Marcelo Aebi
UNIL-Université de Lausanne

Prof. Ian Brunton-Smith
University of Surrey

Dr. Elizabeth David-Barret
University of Sussex

Prof. Martin Killias
Universität Zürich

Prof. Krzysztof Krajewski
Uniwersytet Jagielloński

Prof. Isabella Merzagora Betsos
Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

Prof. Hans Nelen
Maastricht University

Prof. Letizia Paoli
University of Leuven

Prof. Paul Ponsaers
Universiteit Gent

Prof. Dina Siegel
Universiteit Utrecht

Prof. Toine Spapens
Tilburg University

Prof. Paul Stretesky
Northumbria University

Prof. Tom Vander Beken
Ghent University

Prof. David S. Wall
University of Leeds

Prof. Danián Zaitch
Universiteit Utrecht
The call for applications 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 to transcrime@unicatt.it, within the deadline indicated in the call for applications.

Each candidate must send a research proposal in English 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 (bibliography included).

The evaluation for the admission to the Ph.D. is based on (also for those candidates receiving 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 to 70-point 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 providing an answer to any questions the candidate may have. Only candidates receiving at least 20 points may be admitted to the Ph.D.

The final ranking is given by 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.

According to the Italian Ministry of Education, the amount of the base-level scholarship will be €15,343.28 gross per year. Second and third year candidates, in addition to the scholarship, can receive a monthly net fee of approximately €200 calculated on the number of months they collaborate with Transcrime. This additional fee will be recalculated if the base-level scholarship, established in accordance with the law, is updated. The base-level scholarship is increased by 50% for periods abroad. Starting from the second year, candidates will have a budget for research expenses in the amount of 10% of the annual base-level scholarship. In order to favour the international scope of the Ph.D., the admitted candidates residing abroad and those who hold a Master Degree from a foreign university may be refunded up to €5,000 for documented travel and lodging expenses incurred during the first year of Ph.D. due to their moving to Milan.

Ph.D. candidates are required to pay a fee to access the Programme amounting to €1,500 per year, payable by two installments.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ACADEMIC CAREER

Daniela Andreatta
Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Trento (Italy)

Alberto Aziani
Research Fellow, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (Italy)

Giulia Berlusconi
Lecturer in Criminology, University of Surrey (UK)

Serena Bressan
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Francesco Calderoni
Associate Professor, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (Italy)

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Stefania Crocitti
Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Bologna (Italy)

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Assistant Professor, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (Italy)

Valeria Ferraris
Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Torino (Italy)

Luca Giommoni
Lecturer, Cardiff School of Social Sciences (Wales)

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Assistant Professor, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (Italy)

Ester Massa
Lecturer, University of Winchester (UK)

Riccardo Milani
Research Assistant, UNIL-Université de Lausanne (Switzerland)

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Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Trento (Italy)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Federica Curtol
Case Management Analyst, Eurojust

Alexander Kamprad
Desk Officer, Auswärtiges Amt (Federal Foreign Office) Germany

Nicole Maric
Crime Prevention Expert, UNODC – United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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Research Officer, UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Irene Pavesi
Researcher, Small Arms Survey

Francesca Calovi
Anticounterfeiting Manager, LVMH Louis Vuitton

Eva Lo Iacono
Coordinator and researcher, ISTUD Business School

Sara Martocchia
Director, PWC

Alessia Ruccio
Recruiting & Employer Branding, SNAM

Federcia Sarno
Fraud prevention Team Leader, Yoox Net-A-Porter Group

Cristina Soriani
Cyber security consultant, KPMG UK

Priscilla Standridge
Senior Consultant, Gallup

NGOs

PRIVATE SECTOR
I spent my period abroad at the New York University where I found an exciting research environment, committed colleagues, intense exchanges of ideas, charming libraries.

Alberto Aziiani, Research Fellow - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano

During my PhD, I had the possibility to work on many research projects on different topics with highly qualified partners from several universities and attend seminars with professors from all over the world.

Serena Favarin, Assistant Professor - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano

I had the chance to engage with criminology scholars from various countries and to spend several months as a visiting researcher in Russia.

Alexander Kamprad, Desk Officer, Auswärtiges Amt (Federal Foreign Office) Germany

During the three years of my PhD, I have acquired a working method that has allowed me to adapt my skills and capabilities to the private sector, as well as to develop a problem-solving and proactive approach to work.

Cristina Soriani, Cyber security consultant - KPMG UK

A PhD title is necessary if you want to have a career within the academia, but it is also crucial if you want to do research in international organizations or think tanks, both in Italy and abroad.

Elisa Superchi, Research Fellow - Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

It is possible to participate in an informal pre-application procedure by sending CV and research proposal to the Coordinator of the PhD. (Prof. Francesco Calderoni, francesco.calderoni@unicatt.it) and eventually to participate in a phone or Skype interview to discuss the proposal.

The positive evaluation exempts the candidate from sending a research proposal and participating in the interview after the publication of call for applications.

The call for applications is published in the Ph.D. section on the website of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

Candidates should send the documents requested in the call for applications and a research proposal in English for his/her Ph.D. thesis.

Interviews in English (from the 23rd to the 27th September).

The official ranking of the PhD candidates will be published by the 30th of September 2019.
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