



INTERNATIONAL PHD IN CRIMINOLOGY

Cycle XXXV

 **transcrime**
Joint Research Centre on Transnational Crime



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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**. 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.

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

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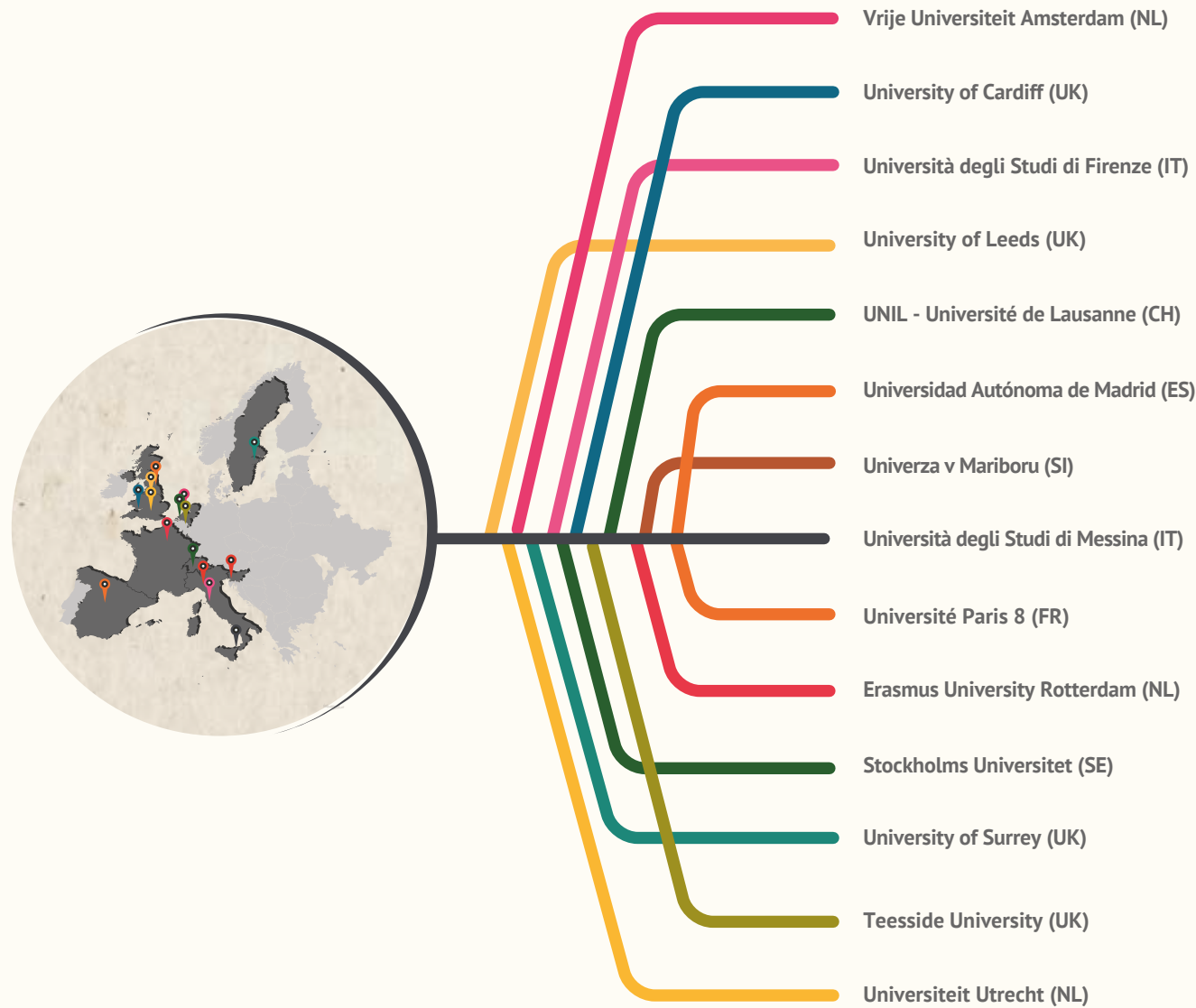
Transcrime - Joint Research Centre on Transnational Crime of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan (www.transcrime.it/en) is the **scientific support structure** of the International Ph.D. in Criminology. It offers an integrated group of strengths and capabilities in criminology and criminal 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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PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



PH.D. PARTNERS

- Crime&tech S.r.l.
- Eni Corporate University
- Guccio Gucci S.p.A.
- Philip Morris International

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- Prof. **David S. WALL** - School of Law, University of Leeds (UK)

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 defense.

ENGLISH

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**.

PERIOD ABROAD

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*.

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.

INTERNATIONAL PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS

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**.

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, 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.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

EUROPEAN PROJECTS

PH.D. COURSES

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.

MASTER COURSES

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).

READING LISTS

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 (see examples on the right).

PAST LECTURES

given by **visiting professors** to students attending recent Ph.D. cycles

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

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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 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).

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 (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.

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.

PERIOD ABROAD

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**.

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 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.

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 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.

.06 STUDY COURSE

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1ST YEAR

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.

2ND 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 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.

3RD 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 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.

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FINAL DEFENSE

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.

PREVIOUS COMMISSIONS

-  **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. Damián Zaitch**
Universiteit Utrecht

.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 Coordinator of the Ph.D. (Prof. Francesco Calderoni, francesco.calderoni@unicatt.it) and attaching an English CV. Afterwards, the candidate **may be invited to submit a research proposal in English** and to participate in a **phone or Skype interview** to discuss the proposal.

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

- positive assessment**, exempting the candidate from sending a research proposal and participating in the interview after the publication of call for applications. The candidate will formalize his/her application, after the publication of the call, by sending the requested documentation by email to transcrime@unicatt.it.
- 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 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 RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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THE EVALUATION

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):

- curriculum vitae and other titles**
- research proposal**
- 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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 1st year of Ph.D. due to their moving to Milan.

ADMISSION FEES

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**
Project Manager, FBK (Italy)
-  **Francesco Calderoni**
Associate Professor, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (Italy)
-  **Stefano Caneppele**
Associate Professor, UNIL-Université de Lausanne (Switzerland)
-  **Stefania Crocitti**
Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Bologna (Italy)
-  **Serena Favarin**
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)
-  **Marina Mancuso**
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)
-  **Fiamma Terenghi**
Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Trento (Italy)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES








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

NGOs

-  **Irene Pavesi**
Researcher, Small Arms Survey

PRIVATE SECTOR

-  **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
-  **Federica Sarno**
Fraud prevention Team Leader, Yoox Net-A-Porter Group
-  **Cristina Soriani**
Cyber security consultant, KPMG UK
-  **Priscilla Standridge**
Senior Consultant, Gallup

WHAT OUR PHD SAY

“ 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 Aziani, 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

SAVE THE DATE

ALL YEAR LONG

It is possible to participate in an informal pre-application procedure by sending CV and research proposal to the Coordinator of the Ph.D. (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.

JUNE

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.

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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