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International Ph.D. in Criminology

Cycle XXXVI

.01 WHO WE ARE

International Ph.D. in Criminology

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 Ph.D. 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**.

TRANSCRIME

Transcrime, the Research Centre on Transnational Crime of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan (www.transcrime.it/en), 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 academia, institutions, law enforcement agencies, and businesses 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).

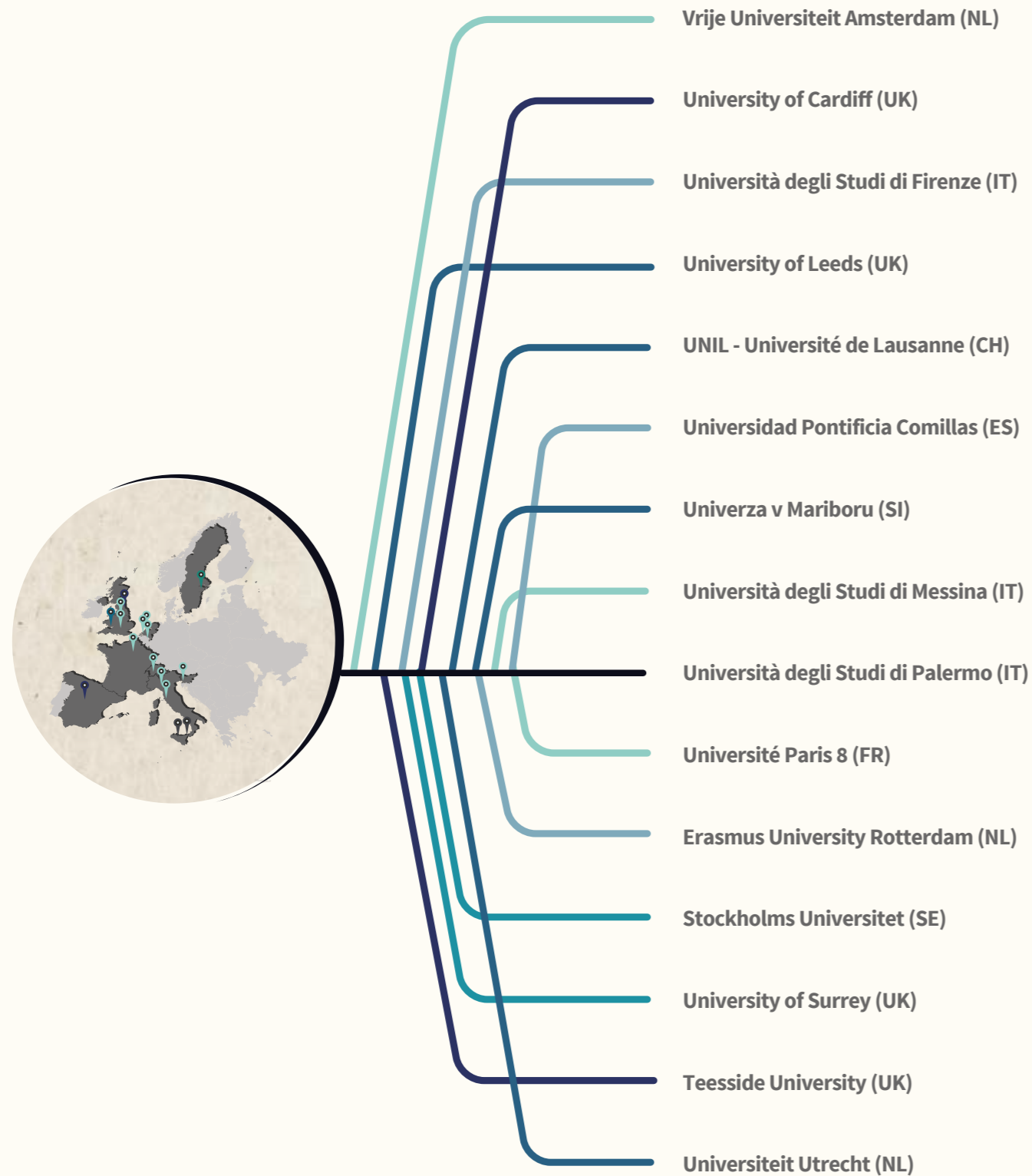
Today Transcrime is an **international point of reference** for international scholars investigating crime from criminological, sociological, legal, and economic perspectives. Agreements with the associated universities, and with the members of the Academic Board, pave the way for specialised research 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



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ACADEMIC BOARD

- Coordinator: Prof. **Francesco CALDERONI** - Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (Italy)
- Prof. **Marcelo AEBI** - Ecole des sciences criminelles, UNIL-Université de Lausanne (Switzerland)
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- Dr. **Joras FERWERDA** - Law, Economics and Governance, Universiteit Utrecht (Netherlands)
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- Prof. **Dina SIEGEL** - Willem Pompe Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, Universiteit Utrecht (Netherlands)
- Prof. **Henk G. VAN DE BUNT** - Erasmus School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands)
- Prof. **David S. WALL** - School of Law, University of Leeds (UK)

.04 STRENGTHS OF THE PH.D

International Ph.D. in Criminology

The International Ph.D Programme in Criminology provides a wide range of opportunities for motivated graduates. There follows just some of the Programme's strengths:

ENGLISH

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

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 Colorado Boulder, University of Maryland, University of South Florida, Universiteit Leiden e 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

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, Crime&Tech Srl, 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 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 Milano-Bicocca, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano, Italian Government, the foreign ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany, 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 the Horizon 2020, European Commission - DG Home Affairs, Italian Home Office, Regione Trentino, Regione Lombardia.

EUROPEAN PROJECTS

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 will attend specific training activities providing specialized training (1st and 2nd year candidates). Transcrime holds short and long seminars with the attendance of Ph.D. candidates.

RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

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.

DOCTORAL TRAINING

Università Cattolica provides a number of training activities for Ph.D. candidates of all programs. They include training on methodology, bibliographic, writing, presentation, public speaking and English for academic purposes.

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).

Here are the past lectures given by visiting professors to students attending recent Ph.D. cycles:

Corruption and public procurement

Dr. Joras Ferwerda, Utrecht University

Economics of crime and corruption

Dr. Maurizio Lisciandra, Università di Messina

Economics of organized crime

Prof. Paolo Buonanno, Università degli Studi di Bergamo

Firearms and firearms-control policies

Prof. Philip Cook, Stanford School of Public Policy

Gis e spatial analysis

Dr. Serena Favarin, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Green criminology

Prof. Toine Spapens, Tilburg University

History and development of criminology theory, white collar crime

Prof. Chris Eskridge, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Life course criminology

Prof. Arijan Blokland, NSCR

'Ndrangheta outside Italy

Prof. Anna Sergi, University of Essex

Nexus between contexts of crime risk and socioeconomic disadvantage on the rates of violent crime victimization

Alejandro Giménez-Santana - Rutgers University

Spatial analysis of crime

Jay Kennedy - Michigan State University

Mafias abroad and smuggling

Dr. Paolo Campana, University of Cambridge

Making sense of criminal violence: patterns and determinants in Italy

Salvatore Sberna, Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa

Organised crime and methodology

Prof. Dina Siegel, Utrecht University

SNA - Social network analysis

Prof. Francesco Calderoni, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Spatial analysis of crime

Jay Kennedy - Michigan State University

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

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 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.

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 second year Ph.D. candidates will have delivered: **an activity report, a research project, 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.

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 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.

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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**
UNIL-Université de Lausanne
-  **Prof. Ian Brunton-Smith**
University of Surrey
-  **Dr. Elizabeth David-Barrett**
University of Sussex
-  **Prof. Aleksandras Dobryninas**
Vilnius University
-  **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. 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**:

a) **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.

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 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. During the period immediately before the publication of the call the pre-application procedure is suspended.

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; reference list.

The research proposal must not exceed 20 thousand characters (bibliography included).

THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

.07 ADMISSION

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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. Ph.D. scholarships are tax-exempt but require the payment of social security contributions.

To acknowledge the candidates' cooperation with Transcrime's activities, **1st year candidates may receive an additional yearly scholarship of about €3300 gross**. Second and third year candidates may receive an additional yearly scholarship of about €5400 gross. The additional scholarship will be attributed for each month of collaboration 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 with a master degree from a foreign university and 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

Every year, the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore sets the annual amount of the tuition **fees**.

For the XXXIVI cycle of the International Ph.D. in Criminology, PhD candidates are required to pay a tuition fee amounting to about € 1,500 per year, to be paid in three installments.

ACADEMIA

-  **Daniela Andreatta**
Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Trento (Italy)
-  **Alberto Aziani**
Assistant Professor, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (Italy)
-  **Giulia Berlusconi**
Lecturer in Criminology, University of Surrey (UK)
-  **Francesco Calderoni**
Associate Professor, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (Italy)
-  **Stefano Caneppele**
Associate Professor, UNIL-Université de Lausanne (Switzerland)
-  **Carlotta Carbone**
Research Fellow, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (Italy)
-  **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**
Senior Lecturer, Cardiff School of Social Sciences (UK)
-  **Ester Massa**
Lecturer, University of Winchester (UK)
-  **Fiamma Terenghi**
Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Trento (Italy)
-  **Serena Bressan**
Project manager and researcher, FBK-ICT Irst Center (Italy)
-  **Tommaso Comunale**
Researcher at Center of the Study of Democracy (Bulgaria)
-  **Marina Mancuso**
Researcher at Transcrime - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (Italy)

RESEARCH

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

-  **Federica Curtol**
Case Management Analyst, Eurojust (The Netherlands)
-  **Nicole Maric**
Crime Prevention Expert, UNODC – United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Austria)
-  **Fabrizio Sarrica**
Research Officer, UNODC – United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Austria)
-  **Irene Pavesi**
Senior Researcher, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) (Switzerland)

PUBLIC SECTOR

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

PRIVATE SECTOR

-  **Francesca Calovi**
Anticounterfeiting Manager, LVMH Louis Vuitton (Italy)
-  **Maria Karayotova**
Senior Consultant, PMG Analytics (Bulgaria)
-  **Eva Lo Iacono**
Coordinator and researcher, ISTUD Business School (Italy)
-  **Sara Martocchia**
Director, PWC (Italy)
-  **Alessia Ruccio**
HR Manager, Codemotion (Italy)
-  **Federica Sarno**
Fraud Prevention Team Leader, Yoox Net-A-Porter Group (Italy)
-  **Cristina Soriani**
Cyber security consultant, KPMG UK (UK)
-  **Priscilla Standridge**
Senior Research Consultant, Gallup (USA)

WHAT OUR PH.D. 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, Assistant Professor - 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 ”

SAVE THE DATE

ALL YEAR LONG

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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

Result of the evaluation of curriculum vitae and research proposal
by the 21st of September 2020

Interviews in English
from the 23rd to the 29th September 2020

The **official ranking of the PhD candidates** will be published by the 30th of September 2020.

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