

Call for applications to the comparative selection procedure for n. 1 collaboration contract on the project “VALPOP - Valuing Public Goods in a Populist World: A Comparative Analysis of Network Dynamics and Societal Outcomes”

1. Premise

A comparative selection procedure, based on qualifications, approved by Luiss CE, is organized to assign n. 1 collaboration contract (*collaborazione coordinata e continuativa – co.co.co.*) – according to the National Collective Bargaining Agreement for Collaborators at Private Universities (*Accordo collettivo nazionale di riferimento per i Collaboratori delle università non statali*) – for supporting research activities related to the project “VALPOP – *Valuing Public Goods in a Populist World: A Comparative Analysis of Network Dynamics and Societal Outcomes*” (hereinafter “the project”), Grant Agreement (G.A.) n. 101177310, CUP I83C24001170006, funded by the European Union within the framework of Horizon Europe.

2. Subject of the contract

The selected researcher will support and contribute to the coordination of the Luiss research team in analysing the relationship between societal network structures, the rule of law, and public goods provision, with a specific focus on populism.

Key activities include:

- analysing how the rule of law interacts with structural characteristics of societal networks (centrality, density, diversity, polarisation);
- investigating the relationship between network configurations and forms of populism;
- examining how networked populism may affect the stability of institutional frameworks;
- conducting comparative analysis across governance levels (local and national), as well as across different temporal and geographical contexts;
- contributing to research outputs, reports, and dissemination activities within the project.

3. Location, duration and remuneration

Project research activities will be carried out at Luiss Guido Carli under the supervision of the Scientific Coordinator of the project, who will verify correct performance of the contract and the consistency between results achieved and objectives set.

Here below the duration and the remuneration provided for each profile:

Location: beneficiary premises

Duration: starting from the first day of the month following the awarding of the contract, compatibly with the timing of administrative procedures, to the 28/02/2029.

Maximum gross amount, depending on the fiscal regime of selected candidate: 20,000.00 euro. The amount includes all applicable contributions. The remuneration will be paid in deferred monthly instalments from project funds.

4. Admission requirements

Admission to the comparative selection procedure is allowed providing the following requirements, failing which the candidate will be excluded:

- a) PhD in Management or a closely related field;
- b) documented experience in EU-funded research programmes, including:
 - a. Horizon Europe collaborative projects,
 - b. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA),
 - c. ERC projects.

In any case, for admission to the comparative evaluation selection procedure it is necessary that the candidates:

- hold Italian citizenship (Italians who do not belong to the Republic are treated as Italian citizens) or citizenship of one of the Member States of the European Union, or citizenship of a third country;
- be in full enjoyment of their civil and political rights;
- not have a criminal record and not be the addressee of measures concerning the application of preventive measures, civil decisions and administrative measures entered in the criminal records database;

The following requirements will be positively evaluated:

- strong scientific-professional profile aligned with the project topics;
- experience in interdisciplinary research on governance, political economy, or network analysis;
- prior involvement in international research consortia;
- publication record relevant to rule of law, networks, or populism.

Candidates in possession of an academic qualification obtained outside Italy attach to the application the useful documents in order to allow the evaluation of their qualification, in compliance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the title and international treaties or agreements were issued.

This comparative selection procedure is not open to those who, on the date of the deadline for the submission of applications, are related, by blood or marriage up to the fourth degree inclusive, to a professor affiliated with the department or unit responsible for this notice of competition, the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the Board of Directors of the University, pursuant to articles 18(1)(b) and 18(1)(c) of Law No. 240/2010 as amended.

The prescribed requirements must be fulfilled by the deadline set out herein for the submission of applications. In the absence of fulfilment of the prescribed requirements for admission or in the absence of a declaration of their fulfilment, the candidate will be excluded from the procedure.

Candidates are admitted conditionally. At any time and by means of a decision stating the reasons therefore, the Administration may exclude a candidate from the procedure for failure to fulfil the prescribed requirements.

5. Applications

Applications must be sent through the online form available on the Luiss website at the following link:

<https://www.luiss.edu/research/recruiting-calls>

without exception, no later than 3pm (CEST, UTC+2) on the **tenth day running from the day after the date of publication** of this call for applications. If the deadline falls on a public holiday, it will be extended to the first working day thereafter.

The following documentation must be attached to the application:

- a) Curriculum vitae in English/ Italian.
- b) Copy of a valid identity document;
- c) Signed declaration Conflict of Interest
- d) A brief description of the candidate's experience in the subject areas covered by the call (one page max).

After the submission of the online application, including attached documents provided, candidates will receive a confirmation message at the e-mail address indicated. In case of non-receipt of the aforementioned email, contact the Research Office (ricerca@luiss.it).

Incomplete applications or applications sent and not received by the deadline will not be considered. Luiss declines all responsibility for non-receipt of applications deriving from any causes attributable to third parties, fortuitous events or force majeure.

Finally, it should be borne in mind that the Administration will check the truthfulness of the content of the declarations in lieu received and that, in addition to forfeiture of any benefits obtained on the basis of untrue declarations, the candidate could well be criminally liable for falsification of documents and making false statements.

The submission of an application to participate in this comparative selection procedure shall constitute full acceptance of the conditions set out herein.

Candidates with disabilities, within the meaning of article 3 of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, may apply in their application for the facilitations provided for in article 20 of the same law (additional time, special aids, etc.), attaching certification relating to the specific disability issued by the competent local medical commission.

6. Selection Criteria

The selection will be carried out by a specially appointed Evaluation Committee and based on the analysis of the candidates' CV.

The overall final score will be up to 30 points. The minimum score to attain eligibility is 18 points. Commission evaluation is final and unappealable.

7. Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee will be appointed after the expiring date of applications submission deadline with a specific Luiss Rector's decree.

The Evaluation Committee shall be composed of:

- the Scientific Coordinator of the project;
- two internal members;

Every member of the Evaluation Committee can appoint a substitute. One of the members of the Evaluation Committee will be entrusted with the task of recording secretary

8. Evaluation Outcome

The outcome of the comparative selection procedure and the final ranking are published on the Luiss website at <https://www.luiss.edu/research/recruiting-calls>.

Finally, the Committee formulates an overall judgement for each candidate and compiles a ranking in descending order based on the sum of the scores obtained. The above ranking will remain valid until the end date of the project for needs directly related to the project and its implementation. In the event of a tie as regards the scores obtained, the youngest candidate shall be afforded precedence. Publication shall be deemed to constitute notification to all intents and purposes.

The winning candidates will be notified in writing of the offer of a contract at the ordinary e-mail address provided when submitting the application. The position must be accepted within 7 days after date of receipt of the offer, failing which the contract will be forfeited.

If the winner is a foreign candidate, he or she will have to meet all applicable labour law requirements for foreign nationals at the time of signing the contract. The contract is individual and indivisible. The contract shall conclude and the associated relationship shall cease on expiry of the term and shall not be tacitly renewable.

9. Publication

This call for applications is published, as well as on the Luiss website at <https://www.luiss.edu/research/recruiting-calls> , also on the website www.euraxess.org .

10. Processing of personal data

Pursuant to article 13 of Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 (hereinafter the "Data Protection Code") and article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (hereinafter "GDPR 2016/679") on the protection of persons and others with regard to the processing of personal data, the personal data provided by candidates will be processed in compliance with the above mentioned legislation and confidentiality obligations.

The data will be collected by Luiss Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, with registered office at Viale Pola 12 in Rome, the controller with regard to the data in question, and processed for the purposes of managing this comparative evaluation selection procedure and the awarding of the collaboration contract, if any, for academic research and dissemination of results.

11. Disputes

The Courts of Rome shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any disputes that may arise in relation to the interpretation and performance of this call for applications.

12. Other rules

For all matters not specifically addressed in this call for applications, reference is to be made to the National Collective Bargaining Agreement for Collaborators at Private Universities (Accordo collettivo nazionale di riferimento per i Collaboratori delle università non statali), the Italian Civil Code and the relevant EU and national laws and regulations in force.

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