

The Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage
ERC Endeavor “EarlyModernCosmology”

The ERC research endeavor [*EarlyModernCosmology - “Institutions and Metaphysics of Cosmology in the Epistemic Networks of Seventeenth-Century Europe”*](#) (GA 725883) has been established at the Ca' Foscari University of Venice beginning in November 2017. It benefits from the financial support of the European Research Council for five years (unive.it/earlymoderncosmology).

Historian and philosopher of science Pietro Daniel Omodeo is leading an international research group investigating early-modern Protestant and Catholic cosmologies in their institutional, political, and ideological settings. The project has an overarching thematic, geographical, and geopolitical scope. It is reinforced by a methodological and philosophical reflection on political epistemology informed by Gramscian views on society, culture, and politics.

We are currently looking for

one post-doctoral fellow

with outstanding projects in one or more of the following research areas relevant to the ERC endeavor:

1. **Early-modern cultural history of science:** Cosmology and related disciplines in their socio-political context;
2. **Early-modern institutional history:** Early-modern institutional history of ideas and/or epistemic webs in their socio-cultural and political entanglements;
3. **Political epistemology:** Methodological problems of historical epistemology for the investigation of science, religion and ideology.

Deadline: 31 January 2019 at 12:00 (Venice time)

For the details and the on-line submission, please follow the instructions in the call on the University official website:

(English) https://static.unive.it/common2/file/download/assegni_ricerca/5bffbaf9a627a

(Italian) https://static.unive.it/common2/file/download/assegni_ricerca/5bffbaf9a2f2a

Research profile of the candidates:

Outstanding postdoctoral scholars are invited to apply. The candidates should hold a PhD degree in the history of science, modern history, institutional history, cultural history, history of philosophy and philosophy of science or related fields.

The candidates are expected to work with fellow team members toward project goals and develop an original and independent research project within the abovementioned ERC project areas.

We look forward to receiving applications from scholars of all nationalities.

The application should entail the following items:

- a letter of motivation and the Curriculum Vitae as one single .pdf file;
- list of the publications attached by the online submission procedure, including the digital copy of the applicant's PhD thesis in PDF and a journal or chapter-length writing sample;
- the research project proposal in one or more of the research areas of the ERC endeavor (ca. two pages);
- a copy of the applicant's PhD certificate or verification that the applicant's thesis has already been submitted;
- two letters of reference;
- proof of language abilities (if available);
- a valid identification document and the declarations requested.

For additional documentation, needed for administrative reasons, please see the call on the University official website.

Applications should be submitted in English. In the interview candidates are expected to present their research project in English.

Tasks:

The successful candidates are expected to conduct their research in Venice, to regularly attend the meetings of the ERC research group, to contribute to its activities (e.g., workshops, symposia and conference panels), to present and discuss their research at the ERC meetings and to contribute to the success of the endeavor with their publications.

We offer:

- a unique early-career research opportunity in a stimulating cultural environment;
- a one-year fellowship, with the possibility to be continued for an additional year;
- a competitive salary (*assegno di ricerca*).

Contact:

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