

<b>PhD Programme in RESEARCH AND SOCIAL INNOVATION</b>	
DISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC AREA	14 - POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES; 12 - LEGAL SCIENCES; 11 - HISTORICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, PEDAGOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES; 13 - ECONOMICAL AND STATISTICAL SCIENCES
COORDINATOR	PROF. MARCO PITZALIS
HEAD DEPARTMENT	DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DURATION	3 YEARS
LEARNING OUTCOMES AND RESEARCH TOPICS	<p>The PhD in Research and Social Innovation (R.I.S), aims to fill the gap existing today in Sardinia of the presence of third-level training in Area 14, a strategic development need for the University of Cagliari and the Department of Political and Social Sciences (SPOL).</p> <p>R.I.S. intends to train researchers and high professionals in the field of social, cultural and institutional innovation, with particular regard to the conditions of local/territorial development, social integration and cohesion, sustainable development, cultural and communication processes linked to institutional innovation.</p> <p>It is conceived as a multidisciplinary and innovative course in terms of contents and methods. It is a training project of social sciences centered on a broad spectrum of sociological and political science disciplines that integrate with Geography, Statistics, Demo-ethnoanthropological studies, Psychology and Law, allowing to enrich, with a coherent set of and research techniques, the methodological and cultural background of the research doctorate in R.I.S.</p> <p>This breadth of perspectives, knowledge and approaches converges in a solid theoretical and methodological preparation, both quantitative and qualitative, capable of understanding the processes and challenges of contemporary society. Social innovation is a design paradigm capable of responding to the emerging needs of communities, to develop innovation models that intertwine the personal/individual dimension with the political/collective one, tacit and codified knowledge, activation and participation from low with the contribution of expert knowledge.</p> <p>In this respect, R.I.S. trains scholars of social and institutional processes, experts in public policies, capable of analysing the potential of territories through the enhancement of the potential of communities in terms of cohesion, innovation and social inclusion, deepening the dynamics of the production of innovation in contemporary society, but also the actors, processes and conditions in which it spreads and stabilizes in situations of ordinariness and crisis.</p> <p>The PhD is part of a network of international relations that will allow for stays abroad in qualified locations. Furthermore, the presence in the RIS teaching offer of scholars affiliated with national and international institutions will allow part of the training activity to be carried out in foreign languages.</p> <p>The PhD follows the principles of the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers within the HRS4 strategy.</p> <p>The Academic Board will be called upon to carry out mentoring activities, and a career advisor will be identified to help PhD students build their own "career plan development".</p> <p>R.I.S. is aimed at the development of advanced knowledge in the field of</p>

	<p>social and cultural innovation.</p> <p>The PhD aims to train expert researchers and analysts, capable of scientifically tackling social, cultural, economic, financial, environmental, political and technological problems of contemporary societies.</p> <p>To this end, the research doctorate in R.I.S. will acquire theoretical knowledge and methodological skills in the fields of social, statistical, political, anthropological, psychological and legal sciences. In particular, the courses and seminars will be aimed at developing skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- on the epistemological and theoretical foundations of the social sciences;</li> <li>- statistical analysis of data;</li> <li>- in the field of qualitative methodologies of the social sciences;</li> <li>- in the field of quantitative methodologies of the social sciences;</li> <li>- in the field of graphic and spatial representation of social phenomena.</li> </ul> <p>The multidisciplinary approach of R.I.S. will be developed with specific training contributions - developed in a multidisciplinary perspective - on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- social, organizational and technological innovation;</li> <li>- innovation processes and practices in the public administration;</li> <li>- government policies and systems, governance and "governmentality";</li> <li>- educational, cultural and communication policies, processes and practices;</li> <li>- labour policies, processes and practices;</li> <li>- citizenship, inequalities and cultural diversity;</li> <li>- inclusion and diversity in the dimensions and intersections of gender, generations, classes and ethnicity;</li> <li>- environmental, distributive justice and fundamental rights;</li> <li>- mobility and immigration processes;</li> <li>- data for the study of social and political phenomena;</li> <li>- development, territories and environmental sustainability;</li> <li>- risk analysis and management.</li> </ul> <p>The PhD in R.I.S. will also acquire specific skills in the analysis, planning and evaluation of innovation in the cultural, economic, social, legal and institutional fields, with a view to being able to critically examine and face the various challenges of contemporary societies with a view to inclusion and equalization of class and gender inequalities.</p> <p>These skills will be applicable both in research activities, theoretical and experimental, aimed at expanding and innovating scientific knowledge of social processes and its application, and in the analysis, planning and evaluation of policies and interventions in the public and social fields. Furthermore, an objective will be to develop critical assessment skills of multilevel (local, national, supranational and international) institutional and legislative frameworks relevant to environmental risks in relation to the ethical dimension of risk with related identification of gaps and conflicts.</p> <p>Description of the training project:</p> <p>The pedagogical project of the R.I.S. is centered on the idea of providing the PhD student with a toolbox of research methods, advanced theoretical and epistemological skills in a multidisciplinary perspective. The doctoral student will thus be guided in the construction of the research project both from a theoretical and methodological point of view.</p> <p>The teaching/learning activities will take place through different teaching methods in order to favour the transmission of knowledge together with the development of specific disciplinary and transversal skills:</p> <p>a) ad hoc master's courses (lectio), b) laboratory-type courses, c) seminar-type courses.</p>
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	<p>The three-year course will be structured as follows:</p> <p>First year: 8 courses are foreseen with final evaluation for a total of 148 hours.</p> <p>Second year: 4 courses are foreseen with final evaluation for a total of 102 hours.</p> <p>Third year: no courses are foreseen in order to allow PhD students to concentrate on processing their own data and on drafting the thesis. PhD students will participate in seminars to discuss the progress of the theses.</p> <p>The PhD students' seminars are aimed at developing transversal skills (communication, organisation, social) and at advancing thesis projects.</p> <p>Supplementary activities consist of courses and workshops organized as part of the research activities of the SPOL department, the inter-university center for educational research CIRD and the University of Cagliari.</p> <p>The knowledge and skills acquired during the R.I.S. intend to train a specialist capable of planning and conducting research both in the academic field and in the public institutional, private and third sector fields, on a local, national or international scale.</p> <p>The PhD in Research and Social Innovation therefore trains high-level scientific experts capable of entering the following careers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- as a post-doc researcher and in scientific careers in Italian and international academia;</li> <li>- of analysts and researchers in research centres, research and development offices of companies and non-profit organizations, think tanks, administrations and public agencies;</li> <li>- manager with control functions and/or planning and analysis of innovation processes in public, semi-public institutions or private organisations;</li> <li>- expert in organizations and bodies for international cooperation, social innovation and sustainable development.</li> <li>- as a social innovation consultant also through the establishment of spin-offs and start-up companies.</li> </ul>
<p>ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES (ART. 2 - NOTICE OF COMPETITION)</p>	<p>EVERY ITALIAN 2ND CYCLE DEGREE (LAUREA MAGISTRALE/SPECIALISTICA/VECCHIO ORDINAMENTO) AND EQUIVALENT AND SUITABLE FOREIGN ACADEMIC DEGREES</p>
<p>ADMISSION TESTS</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND CURRICULUM VITAE, AND INTERVIEW</p> <p>The interview will aim to ascertain the candidate's ability to orient on the main areas of study inherent in the doctorate and to verify his/her analytical, processing and communication skills.</p> <p>During the interview, a three-year research project proposed by the candidate will be discussed, which must be presented, in addition to the documents required by art. 3 of the call for applications (Annex A "Titoli valutabili e Curriculum Vitae"; Annex B 'Dichiarazione sostitutiva di certificazioni del/i titolo/i di accesso con esami e voti'; two-sided coloured scanned copy of a valid ID, with a clear photo), by uploading it to the system by the call expiry date (file name: research_project_surname_name).</p> <p>Candidates unable, for justified reasons, to take the interview at the established venue, may be granted the possibility of carrying it out by videoconference, on the same date and time established for face-to-face interviews, according to the procedure indicated in the notice of competition.</p>
<p>ADMISSION TESTS FOR FOREIGN CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR RESERVED POSITIONS SUPPORTED BY A SCHOLARSHIP</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND CV, AND VIDEO CONFERENCE INTERVIEW</p> <p>During the interview, a three-year research project proposed by the candidate will be discussed, which must be presented, in addition to the documents required by art. 3 of the competition announcement (certificate</p>

	<p>attesting the award of a 2nd level foreign degree needed to access a PhD programme, including exams and marks, with a translation in Italian or English; certificate attesting the award of a 1st level foreign degree, including exams and marks, with a translation in Italian or English; signed Curriculum Vitae preferably in EU format, in English or Italian; additional qualifications, certifications, publications; copy of a valid passport), by uploading it to the system, by the expiry date of the announcement (file name: research_project_surname_name).The interview can also be conducted in English.</p> <p>Reference letters (up to 3) must be written in English, using the form available on the webpage <a href="https://unica.it/dottoraticerca">https://unica.it/dottoraticerca</a> (How to apply for PhD selection: Guidelines and forms- Annex D), by a university professor or an expert in the research fields of the PhD programme, on letterhead of their institution, dated and signed. Evaluators will send their letters directly to the email address phdcall_referenceletter@unica.it (object: surname and name of the candidate being evaluated and name of the PhD programme for which he/she is applying).</p>
POSITIONS	8 (1 of which, with scholarship, reserved for a foreign candidate with a foreign degree)
SCHOLARSHIPS	<p>7: 1 funded by UniCa; 5 funded by Ministerial Decree no. 118/2023: 1 NRRP Research, 4 Public Administration; 1 funded by Ministerial Decree no. 117/2023</p> <p>An additional scholarship financed by the Intesa San Paolo Onlus Foundation may also become available. The scholarship may be awarded to a candidate admitted to the PhD who meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) have obtained a master's degree with no more than one year of enrollment outside the course in the period between December 2018 and June 2023.</li> <li>2) have obtained a degree mark at least equal to or higher than 100/110 (110 <i>cum laude</i> is preferable)</li> <li>3) possess an ISEE 2023 equal to or less than € 30,000.00 calculated by applying the criteria established by Article 8 "Benefits for the right to study" - paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of the Prime Ministerial Decree 159/2013. "Regulation concerning the revision of the methods of determination and the fields of application of the indicator of the equivalent economic situation" and must not already be the recipient, or next recipient, of another scholarship, of any other form of subsidy (by way of example and not exhaustive: research grants) or prize</li> </ol>
POSITIONS WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP	1
CONTACT PERSON	<p>PROF. PITZALIS MARCO</p> <p>EMAIL: pitzalis@unica.it - TEL: +39 070/6753673</p>
WEBSITE	<a href="https://www.unica.it/unica/it/phd_200_1171.page">https://www.unica.it/unica/it/phd_200_1171.page</a>
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY MINISTERIAL DECREE NO. 118/2023</b>	
<b>SCHOLARSHIP 1</b>	
TYPOLOGY	Public Administration
RESEARCH PROJECT	Institutional communication and digital innovation for intelligent administrations
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	Prof. Alessandro Lovari
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	The project aims to acquire theoretical and methodological knowledge from multidisciplinary fields within the PhD in Research and Social Innovation programme. The PhD student will also participate in specific training activities focused on literature related to institutional public communication, digitization of the public sector, social uses of platforms, and relational and

	<p>governance administrative models. Moreover, methods and techniques of scientific investigation will be explored in the digital field.</p> <p>The research activities will take place at the MIMIT facility, where the PhD student will have the opportunity to enhance their training through seminars and specialized activities organized around technological and communicative innovation, in collaboration with other research projects. Additionally, an overseas stay in Jyväskylä, a leading center for the study of public communication, will provide an international perspective to the research, thus completing the academic training.</p>
COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	<p>Direzione Generale per le Tecnologie delle Comunicazioni e per la Sicurezza Informatica – Istituto Superiore delle Comunicazioni e delle Tecnologie dell’Informazione - Laboratorio QoS, Ministero dell’Imprese e del Made in Italy</p> <p>Legal head office: Viale America 201 - 00144 Rome</p>
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	6
FOREIGN INSTITUTION	<p>Jyväskylä School of Business and Economics</p> <p>Legal head office: Mattilanniemi 2, Building Agora, Jyväskylä, Finland</p>
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6
<b>SCHOLARSHIP 2</b>	
TYPOLOGY	NRRP Research
RESEARCH PROJECT	Territories in transition. Ecological crisis, cultural heritage, and cultures of sustainability in Sardinia and Portugal
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	Prof. Filippo M. Zerilli - Dott. Antonio Maria Pusceddu
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	<p>The training activities in the Doctoral Programme of the Doctorate in Social Research and Innovation are characterized by a combination of empirical research, theoretical elaboration, and the potential for public engagement through dialogue with local communities and territorial public institutions. The training programme is defined by the integration of diverse educational offerings within an interdisciplinary framework, as well as a significant emphasis on ethnographic practice as a key tool for investigating the sociocultural dimension of ecological transition.</p> <p>At the ISRE (Istituto Superiore Regionale Etnografico), the foremost public institution responsible for the preservation, study, and dissemination of Sardinia's ethnographic heritage, doctoral students will have access to adequate scientific and operational resources for study and research. Furthermore, they will have the opportunity to contribute to institutional planning, including the use of innovative tools. For instance, they may coordinate the International Summer School of Anthropology and Ethnography project.</p> <p>The stay at CRIA (Centro em Rede de Investigação em Antropologia), the leading institution for anthropological studies in Portugal, known for its extensive expertise in heritage research, will allow doctoral students to develop their research projects within a robust comparative framework.</p>
COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	<p>Istituto Superiore Regionale Etnografico (ISRE)</p> <p>Contact person: Rappresentante legale ISRE</p>
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	6
FOREIGN INSTITUTION	<p>Centro em Rede de Investigação em Antropologia (CRIA)</p> <p>Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa</p>

	Legal head office: Avenida das Forças Armadas, Edifício I, sala 2W2, 1649-026 Lisboa, Portugal Contact person: Dr. Antonio Maria Pusceddu, senior researcher
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6
<b>SCHOLARSHIP 3</b>	
TYPOLOGY	Public Administration
RESEARCH PROJECT	Territorial governance and capacity for innovation. Unions of Municipalities and policies for local development in Sardinia
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	Prof. Giovanni Sistu
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	<p>Within the Doctorate programme, candidates acquire multidisciplinary skills that enable them to establish a strong theoretical and methodological framework within the proposed areas of study, namely political and territorial sociology, political and economic geography, and administrative law. The training course incorporates both quantitative analysis methods and qualitative methodologies commonly used in social research, which are applied directly in collaboration with local stakeholders.</p> <p>Candidates are enrolled in the curricular courses of the PhD programme, which offer personalized research paths aligned with their research objectives, and they receive guidance from PhD professors. In this particular case, the training programme encompasses multidisciplinary instruction in the aforementioned disciplinary and thematic areas.</p>
COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	Regione Autonoma della Sardegna (RAS) - Assessorato della Programmazione, Bilancio, Credito e Assetto del Territorio - Centro Regionale di Programmazione Legal head office: via Cesare Battisti snc, 09123 Cagliari
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	6
FOREIGN INSTITUTION	Departamento de Geografía Facultad de Arquitectura y Urbanismo, Universidad de Chile Contact person: Prof. Massimiliano Farris
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6
<b>SCHOLARSHIP 4</b>	
TYPOLOGY	NRRP Research
RESEARCH PROJECT	The potential of Public Administration contracts in promoting environmental sustainability methods, techniques, and the establishment of ecological transition policies, as well as the dissemination of corporate social responsibility
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	Prof. Francesca Pubusa
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	<p>The research will begin by studying the EU and national regulatory frameworks, including the provisions of relevant independent authorities, regarding public contracts and the protection of the environment, territory, and landscape. National and community jurisprudence will also be examined.</p> <p>Next, the principles, institutions, and procedures will be investigated to assess their effectiveness in meeting the needs of ecological and energy transition. Special attention will be given to exploring methods of citizen involvement and participation. The identified strengths and weaknesses of the current regulatory framework will undergo further examination during the research period at the host administration and during the study experience abroad.</p> <p>By the end of the PhD programme, it will be possible to propose theoretical and practical solutions to harness the potential of public contracts in driving</p>

	ecological and energy transition processes.
COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	Città metropolitana di Cagliari Legal head office: viale Ciusa, 31 - 09131 Cagliari
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	6
FOREIGN INSTITUTION	Universidad Castilla-La Mancha Legal head office: c/Altagracia 50 - 13071 Ciudad Real, Spain
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6
<b>SCHOLARSHIP 5</b>	
TYPOLOGY	Public Administration
RESEARCH PROJECT	An integrated approach to policies and services for children, young people and families. Small towns and depopulation
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	Prof. Valentina Cuzzocrea - Dr. Caterina Satta
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	<p>The PhD programme in Research and Social Innovation offers comprehensive training in theoretical, methodological, and substantive aspects of political-institutional innovation and local development, with a focus on environmental and social sustainability. The programme combines an applied and policy-oriented analysis approach with quantitative and qualitative methodological training. This includes techniques such as statistical surveys, participant observation, and participatory research.</p> <p>By emphasizing these approaches, the PhD programme enables students to access various territories and study public administrations and Third Sector associations. This allows for an investigation into the functioning mechanisms of these entities and the development of a theoretical and practical framework that can comprehensively address the structure of policies from an integrated perspective, particularly focusing on children, young people, and families.</p> <p>The interdisciplinary nature of the doctorate equips students with analytical tools to assess the impact of policies on inclusion and social cohesion, both at the institutional level and in terms of social actors involved.</p>
COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	Municipality of San Basilio Legal Head Office: Via Croce di Ferro 32 - 09040 San Basilio Institutional contact: Albino Porru (Mayor)
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	6
FOREIGN INSTITUTION	Department of Geography, Faculty of Humanities, School of Environment, Education and Development of the University of Manchester (UK). Institutional contact: Professor Sarah Marie Hall (P.I. Austerity and Altered Life-Courses: Socio-Political Ruptures to Family, Employment and Housing Biographies Across Europe) Legal Head Office: 1056 Arthur Lewis Building, Oxford Road, University of Manchester M13 9PL Manchester, United Kingdom
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6-10
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY MINISTERIAL DECREE NO. 117/2023</b>	
<b>SCHOLARSHIP 1</b>	
TYPOLOGY	Innovative doctorates responding to the innovation needs of companies and promoting the recruitment of researchers by companies (M4C2 - Inv. 3.3)
RESEARCH PROJECT	Artificial intelligence for the enhancement and promotion of Sardinia's territories and cultural heritage

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS	Prof. Emiliano Ilardi
DESCRIPTION OF DOCTORAL TRAINING	The objective of the PhD student is to study different artificial intelligence models available in the market, with a particular focus on Text to Text, Text to Image, Text to Video, and Text to Audio applications. The aim is to assess their relevance and effectiveness in the field of communication and promotion of territories and cultural heritage, specifically concentrating on Sardinia. Collaborating with the company, the student will gain knowledge in producing targeted content for the promotion of Sardinian cultural heritage. Additionally, they will explore the potential cost-benefit implications that the effective utilization of artificial intelligence could bring to the culture and tourism sectors.
COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	SPACE SPA Legal head office: Via Torelli 24 - 59100 Prato The company has also a branch in Cagliari, Via S. Tommaso D'Aquino 17, where the PhD student could carry out his/her research activity.
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE COMPANY/RESEARCH INSTITUTION/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	12
FOREIGN INSTITUTION	The foreign institution where the activity will be carried out and the relative contact person will be defined after the conclusion of the selection proceedings.
NO. OF MONTHS TO BE SPENT IN THE FOREIGN INSTITUTION	6