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The Department of Asian and North African Studies at the University of Venice "Ca' Foscari" invites applications for a 12-months research fellowship on the subject "Cultural relations between People's Republic of China and the Federal Republic of Germany, 1949-1972". The fellowship is part of the three-years research project financed by the Italian Ministry of Education "Paths of rapprochement between Western Europe and the People's Republic of China during the Cold War years: a comparison between Italy and the Federal Republic of Germany, 1949-1972" (Principal investigator: Prof. Guido Samarani).

LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIRED: English; German (reading); Chinese (reading)

SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISORS: Prof. Guido Samarani - Prof. Laura De Giorgi

ABSTRACT: Starting from the important and innovative results obtained in the analysis of the economic and commercial relations between the Federal Republic of Germany and the People's Republic of China in the 1950s and 1960s, the aim of this project is to analyze the modes of interaction on the cultural level - in the broader sense - between Maoist China and Federal Germany in the same historical period. Although the diplomatic relations between the two countries were formalized only in 1972, the connections between China and Germany could actually rely on deep and solid historical roots dating back to the pre-war period (early decades of the 20th century) or even to the last part of the 19th century. These were the basis of the contacts between Beijing and Bonn after 1949, which developed in the framework of unofficial diplomacy until the start of bilateral diplomatic relations. The project aims

at analyzing the cultural aspects of these relations. More specifically, the project includes the analysis of the German press and the Chinese press on the subject of bilateral relations and its role in creating the reciprocal image for the domestic public opinions respectively, and the development of academic and scientific contacts and exchanges in this period. Cultural relations developed in this period will be analyzed on the background of German Federal Republic's foreign policy with respect to the socialist countries. The study of the printed sources will be matched, where possible, by research in the German and Chinese government and academic archives. The material collected during the research will be disseminated, provided authorization, on the website dedicated to the research project.

WHO CAN APPLY: Prospective candidates are expected to hold a doctoral degree in History of Far East, or related disciplines. Ca' Foscari encourages applications from researchers with positive evaluation in all the criteria in individual proposals such as Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar. Researchers having successfully completed Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar funded projects are warmly encouraged to apply.

DURATION: 12 months (approximately starting: January the 15, 2019).

STIPEND: The research fellowship amounts to € 19.367,00 per year, including taxes and social charges.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS: December, 20, 12.00 noon.

HOW TO APPLY: Candidates should submit:

1. The application form;

2. A motivation letter (max 1 page) along with their CV in European format, duly dated and signed, both to enclosed as a one single.pdf file <http://www.unive.it/research-grants-forms>
3. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
4. (If available) Evaluation Summary Reports of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) individual proposals having passed all the evaluation thresholds;
5. (If available) Details of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships, ERC Starting Grants, FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/ SIR Scientific Young Independence Research funded projects;
6. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice <http://www.unive.it/research-grants>)

All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available online <http://www.unive.it/research-grants-forms>

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION: Applications should be submitted by the online procedure, available on the notice webpage <http://www.unive.it/research-grants>

Or submit here: <https://static.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dsaam-pri-2-29112018>

The candidate, after the uploading, will receive a submission number and an e-mail acknowledging receipt of his/her application. The candidate if necessary could access the procedures for updating any data and materials by the link provided by the e-mail, in any case any updates must be made no later than the deadline [per le strutture: indicare data e ora già segnalata sopra]. Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 24 hours prior to the deadline. Please note that in case of an high number of applications and / or weight

of the materials loaded by the candidates the system might become slower, Therefore it is suggested not to start the process close to the deadline.

NB: the University does not take on responsibility for wrong or late communication of addresses, nor for any communication problem not depending on the University.

EVALUATION: Up to 100 points, specifically: For qualifications, publications and possible tests, from 0 to 60; For interview, from 0 to 40.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: The interview will be on January, 07, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Department of Asian and North African Studies of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Palazzo Vendramin dei Carmini, Dorsoduro 3462, 30123 Venezia The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on December, 21, 2018. <http://www.unive.it/research-grants-expired>

Candidates living farther than 200 Kms from Venice may ask to hold a telematic interview

INFORMATION AND CONTACTS: Candidates may find further details about the application process and the research project in the official call published on the following link: https://static.unive.it/common2/file/download/assegni_ricerca/5c013b45ed808

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