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**SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT 2023AS25  
FOR THE AWARDING OF RESEARCH GRANTS (TYPE A)**

**THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCES AND THE ANCIENT WORLD**

HAVING REGARD TO Law no. 168 dated 9 May 1989;

HAVING REGARD TO the Statute of the University of Padova, published in the Official Gazette no. 300 dated 27 December 2011, plus subsequent amendments and integrations;

HAVING REGARD TO Art. 22 of Law no. 240 dated 30 December 2010, which envisages the awarding of research grants in accordance with budget availability;

HAVING REGARD TO Ministerial Decree DM no. 102 dated 9 March 2011, which establishes the minimum annual gross amount of research grants, published in accordance with Art. 22 of Law no. 240 dated 30 December 2010;

HAVING REGARD TO the current “Regulations Governing Research Grant Awards” pursuant to Art. 22 of Law no. 240 dated 30 December 2010;

HAVING REGARD TO Legislative Decree DL no. 17 dated 9 January 2008, pertaining to the admission of third-country nationals for the purposes of scientific research;

HAVING REGARD TO Italian Presidential Decree D.P.R. no. 62 dated 16 April 2013, “Regulations governing code of conduct for civil servants” in accordance with Art. 54 of Law no. 165 dated 30 March 2001, which has extended, where relevant, the obligations under the code of conduct for collaborators and consultants with any type of contract or role;

HAVING REGARD TO the decision of the Departmental Board of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World made on 19th October 2023 which approved the establishing of one 12-month grant to carry out research activity related to the PRIN 2022 project titled “*Socio-Environmental Crises and Local Responses in the Sahel: Lessons from the Global South (Field activities)*” at the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World acting as the Research Base under the supervision of Prof. Andrea Pase, who is the Research Project Supervisor;

DEEMING IT EXPEDIENT to issue a selection announcement for the awarding of no. 1 research grant.;

**HEREBY DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Purpose**

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The present selection announcement is being held for the awarding of one research grant for the research project titled “*Socio-Environmental Crises and Local Responses in the Sahel: Lessons from the Global South (Field activities)*” to be conducted at the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World acting as the Research Base under the supervision of Prof. Andrea Pase, who is the Research Project Supervisor.

The research grant, which shall last for **12 months** and be worth a gross amount of Euros 19.367,00 , is issued in accordance with the current Regulations Governing Research Grant Awards and Art. 22 of Law no. 240/2010 for the aforementioned research project, in Scientific Area no. 13, **Historical, Philosophical and Pedagogical Sciences** and Scientific Sector and Discipline (SSD) **M-GGR/01 Geography**

The purpose of this research grant, which is funded by PRIN 2022 “*Socio-Environmental Crises and Local Responses in African Drylands: Lessons from the Global South (SECA)*” project, with the code 2022CZZXZS and CUP C53D23004810006, and submitted by prof. Andrea Pase (the project’s PI), is:

*Our research aims to analyse the spatial complexity of socio-environmental and political conflicts in African drylands, while simultaneously studying lessons from the Global South, beyond North-South binaries. The limits of sustainable development and the effects of climate change are blurring the lines between developed-underdeveloped dichotomies under interconnected globalised capitalism. This warrants a transition towards a more critical global development theory. This paradigm shift requires us to adapt the mainstream development question ‘What can Africa do to learn from the West?’ into another relevant question: ‘What can we learn from Africa?’ In light of the above, the research aims to contribute to the decolonisation of African studies. From a methodological point of view the project relies on local level data collection (fieldwork; local archives analysis; development cooperation project analysis; peer research).*

*The candidate will be engaged in organizing, and analyzing the material collected by the PRIN co-researchers residing in Cameroon and Chad. This consists of written reports, photos, videos, and website. The candidate will be in charge of following up directly, through online channels (whatsapp, email, Zoom meeting) the co-researchers in order to guide their activities to complete the acquisition of data useful for the project. He/she will also collaborate in updating data on the Sudanese irrigation projects, keeping track of the research team's on-the-ground contacts and having a dialogue with the webgis research fellow. The candidate, accordingly to the security conditions, will carry out a three-week mission to a Sahelian country. The candidate will be expected to contribute in the dissemination of research activities, either by attending international conferences, collaborating in the organization of seminars in Padua/online, and by*

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*contributing to the project website. The research fellow will collaborate directly on the research team's publication plan, in the first six months, the research fellow will work on editing and proofreading texts for the volume *Water and land in the Sahel* (Routledge). During the same period, he/she will set a first draft for a publication as a leading author. By the end of the year, the research fellow will have submitted the same article to a journal of high level according to ANVUR, particularly in the final editing of the volume *Water and land in the Sahel* (Routledge).*

## **Art. 2 - Admissions requirements**

Candidates with the following qualifications are entitled to take part in this selection notice:

**-Graduates with a master's degree in possession of suitable and documented scientific-professional curriculum in the scientific area related to the research activity covered by the collaboration;**

Candidates must be in possession of their degree by the selection notice deadline.

Where the candidate's degree has been awarded abroad, for the sole purposes of this selection procedure, its equivalence to an Italian Master's degree must be declared by the Selection Committee. Likewise, if the PhD has been awarded abroad, it must have had a minimum duration of at least three years and, for the sole purposes of this selection procedure its equivalence to an Italian PhD must be declared by the Selection Committee

In accordance with Art. 22 of Law 240/2010, employees at universities, institutes and public research organisations, the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA), the Italian Space Agency (ASI), the European University Institute, the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, the Scuola Superiore di studi universitari e di perfezionamento di Pisa, the Scuola internazionale superiore di studi avanzati di Trieste, or other Italian postgraduate schools that provide the equivalent of doctoral research courses shall not be awarded Research Grants.

Art. 22 of Law 240/2010, establishes that the overall duration of the grant, including renewals, shall not exceed 6 years and shall exclude the time the grant overlapped with the candidate's PhD course for a period no longer than the maximum legal duration of such course.

In accordance with Art. 18 of Law 240/2010, Research Grants may not be awarded to anyone who is a relative or a relative by law (up to and including the fourth degree of kinship) of a professor or a researcher working in the department or centre where the research is based, or to a relative of the University Rector, its Director General, or of a member of the University's Board of Directors.

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Candidates shall be conditionally admitted to the selection procedure. The Department that published the selection announcement may at any moment, even after the examinations have been held, exclude candidates for not having the aforementioned requisites by reasoned order from the Head of the Department.

### Art. 3 – Application

The application may only be submitted by completing the online procedure available at <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/> from 15 November 2023, 1:00 pm (CET) until no later than 1:00 pm on 14 December 2023 (CET).

Once the online application form has been completed, it must be signed following the instructions described online and an identity document must be attached.

If the application is not signed and/or the identity document is not attached, applicants will be excluded from the selection.

The application form is automatically sent to the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World when the online procedure is completed. Therefore, no paperwork needs to be delivered or sent to the University's offices.

The application shall include:

- a copy (in pdf format) of a valid form of identification;
- a copy (in pdf format) of the academic and professional curriculum vitae;
- the qualifications and publications listed in the application;

Copies (in pdf format) of all qualifications and documents listed in this selection announcement and deemed useful for the evaluation process must be attached to the application form by the deadline of this selection announcement.

According to Art. 46 and 47 of Italian Presidential Decree DPR 445/2000 plus subsequent additions and amendments, the candidate's application will be considered valid for all legal purposes as self-certification.

According to Law no. 104 dated 5 February 1992, candidates with a recognized disability must specify in their application any special assistance or additional time they may need during the interview.

In case of need of further information or clarification about the application, the candidate may contact the Department (email [research.dissgea@unipd.it](mailto:research.dissgea@unipd.it))

For reporting exclusively technical issues, please contact the support service using the link provided at the bottom of the page: <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd>

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The candidate shall notify the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World of any changes to the contact details listed in the application form.

#### Art. 4 – Selection Procedure

Candidates are selected through a comparative evaluation of their qualifications, academic and professional curriculum vitae, publications, two reference letters and an interview. Candidate applications shall be evaluated by a Selection Committee appointed by the Head of the Department; the Selection Committee shall comprise three members who are experts in the field of research, one of which, normally, shall be the Research Project Supervisor.

The Selection Committee has **100 points** to evaluate the candidates and they shall be awarded for:

- **qualifications:** degree, PhD, specialization degree, certificates of attendance of post-graduate specialization courses (obtained in Italy or abroad). In the event that the PhD or equivalent qualification obtained abroad or, for the sectors concerned, the specialization qualification in the medical area accompanied by adequate scientific production, do not constitute a mandatory requirement for admission to the call for applications, the aforementioned qualifications constitute a preferential title for the purposes of assigning grants – (max. **20 points**).
- the **curriculum vitae:** documented research activity at public and private organisations with contracts, grants or appointments (both in Italy and abroad) relevant to research stated in this selection announcement – (max. **20 points**);
- **publications:** quantity, quality and relevance of publications, including Master's Degree and/or PhD theses- (max. **10 points**).
- **interview and two reference letters (max. 50 points).**

The interview will be held by means of the teleconferencing tool Zoom.

**The date of the interview and the Zoom link to access the interview will be communicated to the candidates at the email address indicated in the application.**

Candidates must show the Commission their own valid identity document.

Candidates who have not been notified of their exclusion from the selection are required to attend the interview, without prior notice, on the day and at the time that will be communicated.

Absence from the interview or unreachability, whatever the cause, will be considered as the candidate's withdrawal from the selection.

At the end of the evaluation, the Selection Committee shall draw up a provisional ranking based on the total of the scores the candidates were awarded for each category.

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To be included in the ranking, candidates must be awarded a minimum overall score of 50 points. In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The selection report and the provisional ranking shall be officially approved by a Head of Department's Decree and then published in the Official University Register.

#### **Art. 5 – Entering into the agreement**

Research grants are awarded with bespoke research activity agreements entered into with the Department that published the announcement.

An individual agreement will establish the successful candidate's specific tasks, rights and duties, assigned tasks and research activities, payable salary and social security.

The Department shall notify the winner of the date by which he or she must enter into the agreement, under penalty of cancellation.

Should the agreement not be entered into by this date, the winner shall forfeit the right to the research grant. In the event of this, the second-placed candidate in the ranking shall be declared the winner.

Research activity may not be commenced before the winner has entered into the agreement, which shall normally come into force on the first day of the month after it was signed.

Candidates are informed that the research grant contract is expected to start on February 2024

Should the winner be an employee of the Public Administration, then he or she must be placed on unpaid leave for the entire duration of this research grant.

The awarding of the research grant does not constitute subordinate employment nor does it entitle the Grant Holder to a permanent position at the University.

**Grants shall be paid in deferred monthly instalments.**

#### **Art. 6 – Rights and Duties**

The Grant Holder shall conduct his/her research activity personally and fully, which is of a flexible nature, with no set working hours, in a continuous and not merely occasional manner, autonomously within the limits of the programme or stage thereof as laid out by the Research Project Supervisor and in accordance with his/her general instructions.

The grants within this announcement may not be combined with other grants or with study grants of any other kind, unless they have been awarded by national or international organisations and involve trips abroad as part of the Grant Holder's research.

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Grant Holders are not allowed to enrol in degree courses, specialisation degrees (specialistica/magistrale), funded PhDs or medical specialisations in Italy or abroad. Nor is holding a research grant compatible with enrolment at specialisation schools. An employee of the Public Administration must be placed on unpaid leave.

**Art. 7 - Confidentiality and intellectual property**

Should the Grant Holder come into contact with information or data covered by confidentiality agreements signed by the Department for which he/she works during the performance of his/her duties, then the Grant Holder hereby pledges to keep all of this information and data confidential.

Attribution of the right to register a patent for the inventions produced on the basis of any scientific research activity carried out with the facilities and funds of the University of Padua is generally governed by the University's Patent Regulations.

With the signing of this contract, the Grant Holder transfers to the University the right to file any patent applications deriving from the activity carried out and any further rights on the results obtained, without having anything to claim, without prejudice to the recognition of the moral author or inventor.

**Art. 8 - Tax, social security and insurance**

The grants within this present announcement are governed by a series of laws:

- Art. 4 of Law no. 476 dated 13 August 1984, for tax;
- Art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following of Law no. 335 dated 8 August 1995, plus subsequent amendments and additions, for social security;
- the Ministry of Labour and Social Security decree dated 12 July 2007 for maternity leave (see Official Gazette no. 247 dated 23 October 2007);
- and Art. 1 paragraph 788 of Law no. 296 dated 27 December 2006, plus subsequent amendments, for sick leave.

The University shall provide insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability in accordance with the conditions stated in the policies taken out by the University.

Should the Grant Holder be sent on leave for official university business, then the costs shall be sustained by the Research Project Supervisor's funds, or by the Grant Holder from his/her research funds, or by the host organisation in accordance with the University Regulations Governing Leave for Official University Business.

**Art. 9 - Verifying the Grant Holder's activity**

The evaluation method, determined by the Board of the Department which publishes the selection announcement, comprises the following:

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At the end of the first year of activity, the Grant holder must submit a report to the Director of the affiliated institution, detailing the activities carried out within the project and the achieved results. This report, accompanied by the opinion of the Research Supervisor, will be evaluated by the Department Board.

Should the Grant Holder's activity not pass the evaluation, then the University shall terminate the agreement without any obligation of prior notice.

At the end of the fellowship, the Grant holder shall also submit a final report that includes a statement of the activity she/he has conducted and results obtained relevant to the research assigned. This must be accompanied by the Research Project Supervisor's and the Head of Department's evaluation. It shall then be evaluated by the Department Board.

#### **Art. 10 – Final Provisions**

For anything not specified within this present announcement, reference shall be made to the provisions of Law no. 240/2010, to the University of Padua's current Regulations. Governing Research Grant Awards in accordance with Art. 22 of Law no. 240/2010, and to current law.

The University Administration reserves the right to verify a candidate's self-certifications and statutory declaration, in accordance with Italian Presidential Decree DPR 445/2000, at any stage of the procedure. If the aforementioned statements are found to be false, then the declarer shall forfeit any benefits that he/she may have gained from the false statements, without prejudice to any sanctions envisaged by the Italian criminal code or by special laws governed by Art. 76 of Italian Presidential Decree DPR no. 445/2000.

The person responsible for the selection process is the Head of Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World, Prof. Andrea Caracausi.

#### **Art. 11 - Processing Personal Data**

Personal data shall be processed in accordance with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, 27.04.2016, no. 679).

A complete version of the University's data-processing information guide is available at <http://www.unipd.it/privacy>.

*The English version of this selection announcement has the sole purpose of enabling candidates to understand the content thereof; only the Italian version of the selection announcement is legally binding.*