GRADUATE CAREER WORKSHOP- CALL FOR APPLICATION

Relevance of the ancient world: Intercultural connections, Identities, alterities, differences. Contrasting models and transformations

Context
Within the UNIBO-UDEM Project towards the creation of a Joint research Lab UdeM-UNIBO the Centre d'études classiques - Département d'Histoire of the Université de Montreal, and the Department of History and Cultures of the University of Bologna will organize the two following events:

1) A scientific Meeting on the "Intercultural exchanges, contrasting models and transformations. Capital cities in Late Antiquity as a case study." taking place in Bologna on October 23rd and 24th 2018.

2) A graduate career workshop taking place on October 24th on the topic: Relevance of the ancient world: Intercultural connections, Identities, alterities, differences. Contrasting models and transformations

Dates of the Career Development Workshop
Within this scientific meeting the project is organizing a special workshop for MA Students and PhD candidates interested in international career development to take place on October 24th from 3-6 PM.

Within the special workshop the international scientific commettee of the Joint Lab will advice and train graduate students on elaboration of an international research career with special emphasis on – but not limited to - the collaboration between UNIBO and UdEM.

Selected applicants who are not enrolled in the University of Bologna will be granted hospitality in Bologna for October 23rd and 24th 2018 in order to be able to participate in the Workshop and in the scientific Meeting. Reimbursement for travel is not foreseen at the moment but a small contribution may be granted to the first selected applicants up to 500 Euros.

Rules for application: MA students

Interested MA students are invited to submit a PhD draft research project which could be carried out at UNIBO and UdEM or at a third Institution including a compulsory mobility period at one or both UNIBO and UdEM (see below the foreseen possibilities). Research topics should address the broad area of: Relevance of the ancient world: Intercultural connections, Identities, alterities, differences. Contrasting models and transformations.

We are particularly interested in discussing draft research projects addressing, on the one hand, the study of intercultural exchanges (connection, hybridization, conflict) among the Mediterranean and other areas of Asia, Africa, Europe.
On the other hand, we welcome study proposal on identities, alterities and differences within the social structures, the study of socio-economic and power inequalities, cultural approaches to building of collective identities in the ancient period (800 BCE-800 CE).

Attention to processes of transformation, spaces of interconnection and critical periodisation as e.g. Late Antiquity will be of special interest.

Draft projects could also encompass research into other historical periods and settings, which relate to the ancient world through reception/heritage/contrast of models or other kind of connection.

A significant comparative approach between different historical contexts of the ancient world is of potential interest as well.

Projects related to the annual topic will be devoted a special attention

Draft Projects should be primarily aimed at developing a future application for the following PhD programmes offered by the Department of History and Cultures at UNIBO and at the UdEM-History Department.

- **PhD in Global Histories, Cultures and Politics** (UNIBO)
- **PhD in History and Archaeology. Studies on Heritage, Memory and Cultures** (UNIBO)
- **PHD in History** (UdM)

PhD draft research projects need to include and integrate in the research proposal two mobility periods according to the scheme below:

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Within the workshop professors from the graduate schools of UNIBO and UdEM and guests from other Distinguished Institutions will discuss the research proposal and will give advice for improvement and feasibility of the candidate applications.

**Rules for application: PhD Candidates**

Interested PhD candidates are invited to submit one post-doc research project which could be carried out at UNIBO with special reference to a potential development for funding within the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions individual fellowship grant projects [https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/individual-fellowships_en](https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/individual-fellowships_en) or at UdeM with special reference to a potential development for funding within a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships.
Deadline and contacts
Interested applicants should send their research project by September 20th 2018 by e-mail at the address:

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Selection

Selection of the most interesting proposals by MA students and PhD candidates will be carried out by an International review committee between September 20th and October 5th.

All selected students /PhD candidates will:

- receive a feedback on their project by the international review committee;
- Post-doc proposal may be granted dedicated assistance to be implemented as a grant application for MSCA funding;
- the first five selected students/candidates beside receiving feedback by the international review committee will be invited to take place in the workshop. Selected applicants who are not enrolled in the University of Bologna will be granted hospitality in Bologna for October 23rd and 24th. Reimbursement for travel is not foreseen but a small contribution may be granted to the first selected applicants up to 500 Euros.

All applicants will receive information about selection results by October 7th 2018.