



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA  
DIPARTIMENTO DI STORIA CULTURE CIVILTÀ

# Global Histories, Cultures, and Politics

**PhD Programme**  
**2022-2023**





The PhD program **Global Histories, Cultures, and Politics** is characterized by a global and interdisciplinary approach to the analysis of historical and social processes. The “global” is not merely understood as a wider geographical scale, but rather as an epistemic device leading the study of the present and the past. “Globalization” is therefore not taken as something given but as a set of processes, whose variable combination is necessarily the effect of the action of specific political, social, and economic forces that attract investigation through the interaction of multiple disciplinary approaches.

**Historiography, Area and Oriental studies, Cultural Anthropology, Geography, Political philosophy, Intellectual and conceptual history,** are the main disciplinary axes to grasp the polycentric of global spaces traversed by transnational flows of people, ideas, and commodities, pursued in a **non-Eurocentric perspective**, allowing an analysis of the prospects and limits of Western grand narratives, attentive to theoretical traditions and approaches such as **cultural, postcolonial, and gender studies.**

# PhD Programme in Global Histories, Cultures, and Politics

## FACULTY RESEARCH AREAS

Area Studies

Comparative Literatures

Critical Theory

Cultural Anthropology

Cultural and Postcolonial studies

Cultural History

Food History

Gender studies

Geography

History of consumption

Intellectual and conceptual history

Modern History

Political philosophy

Religious Studies

World History

The PhD in Global Histories, Culture, and Politics is a 3 years Programme offered in English and Italian as working languages, it includes also a plurilinguistic and multicultural perspective to enhance career opportunities in public and private research institutions, national and international universities, museums and cultural institutions; national and international organizations working in the field of multiculturalism, migration, labour mobility, international cooperation; multimedia publishing industry.

### Teaching and research activities of the PhD Programme aim to:

- Reshape spacial layouts of social and political science as well as humanities
- Study intercultural contact/conflict phenomena
- Analyse origin and transformation of political, social and cultural phenomena from a global perspective
- Affirm and criticize human rights policies according with new definitions of subjectivity and identity construction process
- Rethink and renew disciplinary traditions and analytic categories in order to develop new conceptual perspectives and methods
- Assume a multi-layered, non-progressive, non-cumulative idea of time
- Combine the weave of diverse scales of analysis with comparative and transnational methodologies
- Intertwine the conceptual and empirical dimensions of historical, philological, social, geographic and anthropological research
- Connect technological development with environmental issues

Teaching activities will be organized in three main strands:

**Individual tuition:** each PhD student will be supervised by one tutor, who will work in collaboration with the other members of the PhD committee. Supervision is aimed at providing the adequate analytical tools to carry out the research and to write the final dissertation. It will be focused both on research methodologies and the use of interdisciplinary perspectives. As part of their training, PhD students will be required to present their research during workshops and seminars organized in cooperation with other universities and/or research institutions.

**Interdisciplinary training:** the PhD program will organize seminars and workshops in which the PhD students will get in touch with different methodologies and fields of enquiry. This strand is aimed at developing analytical tools needed to study history, politics and cultures in a global perspective. Thanks to these activities, PhD students will be able to develop the skills needed to situate their research in a wider interdisciplinary analytical framework.

**Job-oriented training activities:** this strand is aimed at providing PhD students with teaching skills, network-building capacities, and the know-how needed to write and manage successful research proposals. These activities will be organized in cooperation with other PhD programs. Training will be provided by the Research Area staff of the University of Bologna, as well as by officers from various funding institutions.

In order to promote their international training, enrolled PhD students will be required to spend at least **six months abroad**.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND POTENTIAL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT

Public and private research institutions, national and international universities, museums and cultural institutions; national and international organizations working in the field of multiculturalism, migration, labour mobility, international cooperation; multimedia publishing industry. The training program aimed to provide transversal skills which can be promoted in many job contexts: building, management and implementation of scientific research projects, dissemination of research results through various communication tools (publishing, mapping, exhibition etc.).

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The main activity of PhD students will be the research for the fulfilment of the final PhD thesis. This will involve different activities according to the thesis subject and the methodologies which will be employed: research in libraries and archives for collecting sources, critical analysis of the sources, reconstruction of the scientific state of the art; fieldwork with ethnographical methodologies; media analysis and mapping; theoretical reflection on political concepts; philological analysis.

PhD students are required to:

- First year: present a paper in form of lecture or a public seminar;
- Second year: defend a first draft of their PhD thesis and present a scientific paper in an internal seminar to be subjected to peer review process for publication;
- Third Year: present a second proposal of an article or paper in a conference or other scientific products to be subjected to peer review process for publication; final exam and dissertation defence.

As part of their training, they will be encouraged to participate to international conferences and summer schools organized by the PhD program, as well as by international and Italian research institutions and to organize graduate conferences on topics of common interest for groups of PhD candidates.

### PhD DIRECTOR



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### FACULTY MEMBERS

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The PhD Programme can take advantage of international networks. At present, the Gerda Henkel Foundation has funded one scholarship; the Global Academy of Humanities and Critical Theory is promoting a project for the construction of a transnational PhD school with the University of Virginia; an European Project (Marie Curie), entitled "Transnational Labour Mobility in a Globalising World", is currently under evaluation. If it will be approved, it will result in two PhD scholarships and several resources for the joint teaching activity of a 9 European universities and research centres network. A collaboration with German research institutions for doctoral training and funding – such as the Deutsches Historisches Institut Rom and the Bielefeld University – has been established long ago.

A partnership with the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies in Middleburgh, Netherlands, will allow PhD student mobility for seminars and training activities.





## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES

The PhD programme is designed as an International learning environment, promoting exchange of experiences among PhD candidates from different countries and different educational backgrounds: a special emphasis is placed in fostering the participation of international graduate students through special agreements with several countries.

Graduates interested in specific Scholarship programmes can contact the depute Office at [aric.dottorato-internazionale@unibo.it](mailto:aric.dottorato-internazionale@unibo.it) for guidance and support.

**PhD@ISA:** The Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of Bologna promotes a specific call for fellowships reserved to international PhD students.  
<http://www.isa.unibo.it/en>





## GRANTS, INFORMATION, CONTACTS

### GRANTS

All admitted candidates will receive a financial support package which includes a gross grant of approximately 16.243 Euros (yearly) to cover living expenses during the 3 years of the degree.

On top of this, PhD candidates will receive up to 1.624,30 Euros yearly, to cover research expenses as well as an increment of 50% of the yearly grant if they spend a minimum 1 (one) to 12 (twelve) months visiting period at abroad.

For the the 38th cycle the University of Bologna PhD program in "Global Histories, Cultures and Politics" offers up to **7 fully funded grants**.

Those willing to apply for competitive projects funded by foreing governments (Becas Chile, Becas Paraguay, CAPES CNpQ or CONFAP Brasil, China Scholarship Council ecc.) could benefit of additional vacancies.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Application opening date: June 28th 2022

Application closing date: August 2nd 2022 at 11:59 PM

### CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

[www.unibo.it/PhDprogrammes32](http://www.unibo.it/PhDprogrammes32)

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#### THE UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA

Born in 1088, and considered to be the oldest university in the Western world, the **University of Bologna** has been student-centred, attracting prominent figures from science and the arts. Today it is a leader in Europe and famous for its beauty and integration with the city. Its teaching catalogue is diversified and tailored to the needs of present-day society: over **200 degree programmes**, over **70 professional masters** a **45 PhD programmes**, **41 specialisation courses**, all among its 33 Departments, 11 Schools and over 81,000 students. A further 5,000 are candidates for its PhDs and 3rd cycle programmes. Bologna has always favoured a multi-disciplinary, cross-cultural approach; it invests in international, multicultural training, research and services. It has formed knowledge alliances with industry and public/private organizations, and is a hub of international networks.

Besides the five campuses (Bologna, Cesena, Forlì, Ravenna, Rimini), there is an overseas branch in Buenos Aires coordinating activities with Latin America. Beyond its close European links, Alma Mater enjoys multiple international connections with North America, Africa, Asia and Australia. It is a public, independent and pluralistic institution.



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND CULTURES

The **Department of History and Cultures** was established in 2012 with the merging of five Departments: Archeology, History, Anthropology, Geography, Paleography and Medieval studies, Ancient History and part of the Oriental studies Department. The Department's research strengths and its teaching and learning offers cover a wide variety of geographical places, many areas and themes. Department research areas includes: political, economical, institutional, social, religious, military and cultural history, history of ideas and history of political thought; deciphering, interpretation and editing of documents and texts, taking into consideration their form of conservation and transmission; the Archaeology and history of settlements and material culture; Cultural anthropology and ethnology, Human geography, Economy and politics.

The library of the Department of History and Cultures includes six research units libraries and holds approximately 330,000 books and 5,800 journals (1,466 currently subscribed). The library has 590 reading and study spaces, 38 personal computers. Wireless Internet access is available. Archeology and Ancient history sections are fully housed on open shelves, other research unit libraries only in part.



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

The **Department of Social and Political Sciences** is a reference point for the social and political area and gathers the traditions of teaching and research activities of social and political sciences at University of Bologna reshaping them in a new and wider context. It collects different scientific traditions (politics, sociology, history, law) which inspired political studies and University of Bologna.

The library fo the Department, dedicated to Nicola Matteucci, provides students, faculty and scholars with a collection of about 65000 monographs, 800 journals 250 of which are still published.







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