



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
2 Early Stage Researchers Contracts in History of Medieval Philosophy and Culture (3 years)

Article 1 Call for applications

Salento University (Lecce, Italy), under the provision of the Programme: Initial Training Network "MITT: Mobility of Ideas and Transmission of Texts: Vernacular Literature and Learning in the Rhineland and the Low Countries 1300-1550", founded by the European Commission (EU-Grant agreement no.: 238514), opens a competition for 02 EARLY STAGE RESEARCHER Contracts (Employment contracts) in History of Medieval Thought and Culture for a period of three years from 1 March 2010, to be hosted at the Dipartimento di Filologia classica e scienze filosofiche.

Article 2 Content

The 2 ESR Employment contracts, at the Salento University, Lecce, are devoted to the execution of the following 2 projects, under the supervision of Prof. Loris Sturlese, Prof. Dagmar Gottschall and Prof. Alessandra Beccarisi:

Project Nr. 1

Title of the project: Theological discourse in the vernacular: sermons in ms. Berlin Staatsbibliothek germ. 1084

Objectives: An edition and analysis of the collection of sermons by Eckhart and others in manuscript Berlin Staatsbibliothek germ. qu. 1084

Description of work: The project focuses on a collection of sermons in manuscript Berlin Staatsbibliothek germ. qu. 1084. It will consist of a transcription and analysis of the collection in order to determine its origins, nature and functionality in relation to its provenance (from a convent of Augustinian canonesses in Geldern) that points to use in a context of female readership. Tasks include a transcription of the texts in e-laborate, an inventory of the individual sermons (and their transmission), an analysis of the separate texts and the collection as a whole and a description of the use of fourteenth-century philosophical texts in the context of fifteenth-century female spirituality.

Required expertise: Dutch and German literature, medieval philosophy, manuscript studies

Deliverables:

- transcription texts
- inventory of transmission of the texts in the collection
- analysis individual texts and collection
- analysis collection in context

Project Nr. 2

Title of the project: Dionysius in the vernacular

Objectives: Description of the use and transmission of translated texts ascribed to Dionysius Areopagita in Dutch and German, in order to describe the appropriation of professional theology in vernacular texts for lay audiences



Description of work: The project focuses on Dutch and German texts and excerpts ascribed to Dionysius, in the Middle Ages identified as the Areopagite, a pupil of Paul, mentioned in the Bible (Acts 17,34). This project collects and analyses a fourteenth century German and Dutch mystical texts that comment upon mystical theology by referring to Dionysian sayings, ideas and concepts. The project describes and explains the remarkable consistency in the vernacular rendering of Dionysius' words, suggesting a vernacular corpus (whether an anthology, concordance or translation) of this authoritative texts that seemed to have spread out over the Rhineland and the Low Countries.

Required expertise: Dutch and German literature, philosophy, manuscript studies

Deliverables:

- inventory of Dionysian texts in German and Dutch
- transcription of the unedited material
- analysis of the vernacular corpus on relation to Latin texts
- description of the nature and use of the vernacular Dionysius-corpus

Candidates may register for PhD training while employed by the University on a Marie Curie Initial Training Network, and will be expected to undertake original research on the Project topic, participate in network conferences and workshops and generate quality research output.

Article 3 Amount of the employment contract and other benefits

According to the provision of the "Guide for applicants for Marie Curie Initial Training Networks FP7 – PEOPLE-ITN-2008" the employment contract amounts to 35.845,50 Euro/year.

Other benefits of the recruited researchers will be based on:

- ◇ A monthly mobility allowance;
- ◇ A travel allowance;
- ◇ A career exploratory allowance (single payment);
- ◇ A contribution to the participation expenses of eligible researchers.

The above mentioned benefit will be allowed under an employment contract signed by the recruited researcher and the Director of Dipartimento di Filologia classica e scienze filosofiche.

The posts are currently fixed term until 28 February 2013 due to fixed – term funding.

Article 4 Candidate requirements

To qualify as an *Early Stage Researcher* applicants must be in the first four years (full-time equivalent) of their research careers starting at the date of obtaining the degree formally entitling them to embark on a doctorate in Italy.

Applicants should possess a good degree in a related subject, at a level equivalent to the Laurea quadriennale or Laurea specialistica at the Faculty of Lettere e Filosofia or Lingue e letterature straniere.

Applicants must have an excellent command of English and German.

According to Marie Curie ITN rules, the positions at the Salento University are open to all nationalities except Italian nationals.

At the time of appointment, the successful applicant may not have resided or carried out his/her main professional activities or studies in Italy for more than 12 months in the three years immediately prior to his/her appointment. A good knowledge of Medieval German, Medieval



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Dutch, and Medieval Latin, as appropriate to the project, and an understanding of literary history and related manuscript studies will be an advantage.

Researchers who have obtained a doctoral degree are not eligible, irrespective of the time taken to acquire it.

Further details on eligibility requirements, according to the provision of the "Guide for applicants for Marie Curie Initial Training Networks FP7 – PEOPLE-ITN-2008" can be found at www.cordis.europa.eu/fp.

Article 5 **Selection criteria**

The selection procedure consists of an evaluation of the documents presented by the candidates, carried on by a Judging Committee that will be nominated by the Director of Dipartimento di filologia classica e scienze filosofiche, in accordance to the internal regulations concerning "Contratti di collaborazione coordinata e continuativa" at the University of Salento and the European Charter for Researchers.

Candidatures will be selected on the basis of the following documents:

- (mandatory) A letter of application which describes how your skills and past experience meet the selection criteria outlined above
- (mandatory) degree
- (mandatory) list of examinations passed
- (mandatory) the curriculum vitae et studiorum
- (mandatory) at least two letters of introduction written and signed by relevant members of the international scientific community, referring to the subject of the activities
- any document and/or publication that the candidate deems worthy of consideration, including any association research institutions (MAX 05 documents).

The final ranked list of candidates will be posted on the URL <http://www.unisalento.it> and on the Notice Board of the University of Salento.

On receipt of the selection proceedings by the Judging Committee, the Director of the Department will communicate by e-mail to the winners their admittance and the procedures to be completed for the recruitment.

Winners will be requested to accept within 10 days following the communication.

Article 6 **Admittance Formalities and Expiration Date**

The application should be sent personally or by registered mail with notification of receipt to: DIPARTIMENTO DI FILOLOGIA CLASSICA E SCIENZE FILOSOFICHE, Via Stampacchia 45, I-73100 LECCE Italy.

Please write on the cover the Project you are applying for. ("Application for MITT PITN-GA-238514 Project Lecce Nr. 1 or 2").

The applicant should attach to the application a photocopy of his/her identity card (or other proof of identify).

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The signature on the application form need not be authenticated.

Applications must be received by 12:00 noon (local time) on 15.01.2010. Please quote reference number MITT PITN-GA-238514 on all correspondence and where you saw this post advertised.

The EXPIRATION DATE of the application is 15.01.2010 (h. 12:00 local time).

Salento University administration takes no responsibility in the case of loss of due to possible errors either postal or telegraphic that are not ascribable to the university itself. Further, Salento University takes no responsibility for loss of communication due to inexact indication by the candidate of residence, postal or e-mail address, or too late communication of their variations.

Article 7 Privacy

In accordance with Italian law (decree n. 196/03), the University of Salento - Dipartimento di Filologia Classica e di Scienze Filosofiche undertakes to respect the privacy of all personal data provided by the candidates: all data will be used only for the purpose of selection.

Article 8 Final provision

For all issues not explicitly mentioned in this Call for Applications, reference shall be made to:

- ◇ the Guide for applicants for Marie Curie Initial Training Networks FP7 – PEOPLE-ITN-2008;
- ◇ the “FP7 People ITN 2008” Work Programme;
- ◇ the European Charter for Researchers;
- ◇ the “Regolamento per l'assunzione di personale a tempo determinato e per l'attivazione di collaborazioni coordinate e continuative e di prestazioni professionali nell'ambito del Progetto coordinato Catania – Lecce”.

Article 9 Further information

Further information on this Call for Applications can be requested by contacting:

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The call for applications will be published on:

- ◇ the Notice Board of the University of Salento;
- ◇ <http://www.unisalento.it>;
- ◇ http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/index_en.cfm.

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