



**Factsheet n. 8**

**PhD Programme in Human Rights, Global Politics and Sustainability:  
Legal and Philosophical Perspectives**

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<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Duration</b>	3 years
<b>Academic Objectives</b>	<p>The Ph.D. program in Human Rights, Global Politics, and Sustainability: Legal and Philosophical Perspectives is positioned at the crossroads of legal and political sciences, spanning four key research areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Law</li><li>2. European Studies</li><li>3. International Law</li><li>4. Political Philosophy</li></ol> <p>The program is designed to equip candidates with a diverse and comprehensive educational and research experience. Candidates undergo training to navigate the academic research landscapes at both national and international levels, positioning them to assume qualified roles in national and international organizations and agencies. An integral aspect of the program is its commitment to disciplinary pluralism, viewed as a fundamental and qualifying objective.</p>
<b>Available Positions</b>	<b>n. 5 positions with a scholarship</b> funded by Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (2 of which are reserved for candidates who obtained their qualification at a non-Italian University)
<b>Additional non-compulsory documentation to be attached to the online application</b>	<p><b>Please refer to Article n. 3 of the Call for Applications for all mandatory documents.</b></p> <p><b>Optional documents (recommended):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Copy of <b>any other qualifications or publications</b> that the candidate deems relevant to the programme;</li><li>2. <b>Academic letters of reference (maximum 3):</b> Candidates are required to include in the application process the name, surname, and institutional e-mail address of the Professors they have requested to write the letters of reference. Professors will receive a link to directly upload the letters. The submission deadline for letters is three days after the application deadline;</li><li>3. <b>Copy of their MSc degree thesis or an abstract</b> of the thesis with cover. Candidates who have not obtained their qualification yet should attach a copy of the final draft of their degree thesis or an abstract of it.</li></ol>
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<p><b>Pre-selection</b> Eligibility for the competition is determined by the Selection Committee considering the overall quality of the research project and its consistency with the research lines carried out by the faculty members.</p> <p>The research project, <b>written exclusively in English</b> of no more than 3000 words excluding bibliography, will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the title of the research; scientific premises and relevant bibliography;</li><li>• purpose and expectations of the research (research question, etc.);</li><li>• research methodologies;</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• description of the interdisciplinary nature of the research (taking into consideration the disciplines involved in the Programme);</li><li>• word count</li></ul> <p>The pre-selection assessment takes into account the main research area and the complementary research area specified by applicants. Applicants are strongly recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) to visit the research profiles of the faculty members to get an insight into the research currently being conducted</li><li>2) to specify carefully the main and complementary research areas involved in their project.</li></ol> <p><b>Evaluation of qualifications and research projects - maximum score: 70/100</b> For candidates who have passed the pre-selection, the Examination Committee evaluates the CV, academic background, research project, and any other scientific qualifications submitted, assigning a score out of seventy. The research project is assessed in terms of quality, interdisciplinarity, and relevance to the research lines of the faculty members. Only candidates scoring at least 49/70 in this evaluation will be invited to the interview.</p> <p><b>Interview - maximum score: 30/100</b> The interview will involve a discussion on the submitted qualifications and the proposed research topics, conducted in English via video conference. Before the interview, the candidate must show the identity document used in the online application for verification.</p> <p>Candidates scoring below 21/30 in the interview will be excluded from the list of eligible candidates.</p> <p>The minimum score for inclusion in the final ranking list is 70/100.</p>
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