COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONS, ECONOMICS AND LAW

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PhD website http://iel.carloalberto.org/

Duration: 3 years

Course start date: 1 November 2014

Departments: Dipartimento di Economia e Statistica Cognetti de Martiis, Dipartimento di Scienze Economico-sociali e Matematico-statistiche, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza.

Titles of Research Projects/ Research Fields:

1. The economics of institutions.
2. The history of institutions.
3. Institutional questions in normative economics.
4. Efficiency and the law.
5. Legal issues in the history of economic thought.
6. Comparative legal systems and economic development.
7. Judicial independence, the rule of law and economic performance.
8. Political systems and economic performance.
9. The economics of formal and informal institutions.
10. Empirical methods in the analysis of law and institutions.
11. Comparative studies in law and economics.
12. Law and economics from the civil law perspective.
13. New issues in law and economics.
14. Law and economics of antitrust.
15. Comparative perspectives in competition policy.
16. The economics of knowledge and intellectual property rights.
17. Tort law and economics.
18. Behavioural studies in law and economics.
19. Law and finance.
20. Regulation and efficiency.

The list of research projects may be updated until the day prior to the assessment of qualifications whenever more scholarships become available. Updates shall be published on the University’ website www.unito.it/page/phd_call_applications (English) and on the website www.unito.it/pagina/bando_dottorato (Italian).

Entry Requirements

1) All Degrees issued by Italian universities or second cycle/Master's Degree.
2) International academic qualifications recognised as eligible for admission to PhD studies. Please see art. 3 of the Call.
3) Candidates who will complete their degree programme after the publication of the Call, by 31 October 2014 (candidates must notify the PhD Office of the date in which they will obtain their
qualification by the aforementioned deadline by email arearicerca_dottorati@unito.it using attachment 2).

### Admission procedure for non-reserved positions

- Assessment of qualifications and interview

**Qualifications to be listed in the on-line application (“Application form”, attachment 3 of the Call)**
- Final grade of first and second cycle degrees and list of examinations taken
- Thesis abstract
- Publications or other scientific qualifications
- Other academic qualifications

### Admission procedure for positions reserved to applicants with international qualifications

- Assessment of qualifications and research project

**Qualifications to be listed in the on-line application (“Application form”, attachment 3 of the Call)**
- Final grade of first and second cycle degrees and list of examinations taken
- Thesis abstract
- Publications or other scientific qualifications
- Other academic qualifications
- Research project. Candidates are required to choose a title from those offered by the PhD Programme and write their project proposal on that topic.

**Application fee: €50.00 for each application submitted** (2,00 Euro will be charged for each payment)

**Application fee deadline: 25th August 2014 (mandatory term)**

Candidates who do not pay the application fee within the deadline will be excluded from the competition.

Candidates applying for "reserved" positions are exempt from paying application fee.

### Calendar of entrance examinations:

The calendar with information on dates and venues of entrance examinations shall be published on the websites: [www.unito.it/page/phd_call_applications](http://www.unito.it/page/phd_call_applications) and [www.unito/pagina/bando_dottorato](http://www.unito/pagina/bando_dottorato) starting from 28th July 2014.

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| **Further information on examinations:** | 1) Knowledge of the English language is compulsory.  
2) Applicants may, on request, take the examinations in English. |
| **Assessment criteria for positions reserved to applicants with international qualifications** | maximum score 100 points |
| Final grade of first and second cycle degrees and list of examinations taken | maximum score 10 points |
| Thesis abstract | maximum score 10 points |
| Publications or other scientific qualifications | maximum score 20 points |
| Other academic qualifications | maximum score 20 points |
| Research project. Candidates are required to choose a title from those offered by the PhD Programme and write their project proposal on that topic | maximum score 40 points |
| **Minimum threshold for admission** | 40 points |
| **Further information on examinations for reserved positions.** | Knowledge of the English language is compulsory. |
| **Positions offered by the PhD Programme:** |  |
| 4 positions with scholarship, 3 of these positions are reserved to students with international qualifications | of which:  
- 3 are funded by the University;  
- 1 is funded by Compagnia di San Paolo |
| 1 position without scholarship reserved to students with international qualifications |  |
All additional scholarships and apprenticeship contracts, pursuant to art. 19 Paragraph 1) letter b) of Law no. 240/2010 and Art. 50 of Legislative Decree no. 276/2003, which may become available after the publication of this call shall be announced on the University websites [www.unito.it/page/phd_call_applications](http://www.unito.it/page/phd_call_applications) (English) and [www.unito.it/pagina/bando_dottorato](http://www.unito.it/pagina/bando_dottorato) (Italian).