

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PhD PROGRAMMES  
(CYCLE XLII – Academic Years 2026/2029)**

**Positions with university scholarship, positions without scholarship and with funded scholarship for a specific research topic**

**PhD PROGRAMME in POLITICS, SOCIETY, TECHNOLOGY**

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<b>Positions with university scholarship</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Positions without scholarship</b>	<b>1</b>

Research topics	Scientific Disciplinary Area
<p><b>Technology and Transformations of Communication and Media</b></p> <p>The research topic 1 focuses on the social, normative, ethical, business, cognitive, and behavioral implications of changes in the media and communication ecosystem. The research topic includes (but is not limited to) studies on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the impact of AI on communication practices and the production and dissemination of media content;</li> <li>- the influence of digital platforms and disinformation on political communication, information, and public opinion;</li> <li>- the role of digital media in fostering new forms of activism and political engagement, as well as in reshaping consumer perceptions of value and preferences in relation to businesses.</li> </ul>	CEAR-08/D - DESIGN ECON-06/A - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTING & PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT ECON-07/A - MANAGEMENT GEOG-01/B - ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY GIUR-03/B - AGRI-FOOD LAW GIUR-06/A - ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW GIUR-09/A - INTERNATIONAL LAW GSPS-01/A - POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY GSPS-02/A - POLITICAL SCIENCE GSPS-03/B - HISTORY OF POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS GSPS-05/A - GENERAL SOCIOLOGY GSPS-06/A - SOCIOLOGY OF CULTURAL AND COMMUNICATION PROCESSES GSPS-07/B - SOCIOLOGY OF LAW AND DEVIANCE GSPS-08/A - SOCIOLOGY OF ECONOMIC AND LABOUR PROCESSES HIST-03/A - CONTEMPORARY HISTORY IINF-05/A - INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS PAED-01/A - GENERAL AND SOCIAL PEDAGOGY PHIL-03/A - MORAL PHILOSOPHY PSIC-01/A - GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
<p><b>Technology and Transformations of Society and the Global Order</b></p> <p>The research topic 2 focuses on the impact of technological transformations on society, politics, and international relations. The research topic includes (but is not limited to) studies on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the relationship between technological change and the evolution of political institutions, public powers, the democratic institutional order, and the global order;</li> <li>- AI ethics and governance, and the dynamics of cooperation and competition among states, international organizations, and tech companies in this field;</li> <li>- the impact of new technologies on inclusion and on social and global justice, with particular attention to sustainability, health, and transformations of work.</li> </ul>	
<b>Specific requirements for the competitive exam</b>	Knowledge of English
<b>Obligations for enrollees</b>	Attendance of PhD training activities and <b>a minimum of 6 months</b> of international mobility.
<b>Date and place of the interview</b>	<b>8 July 2026 – 9:30 a.m.</b> Department of Political Science, Communication and International Relations (SPOCRI), University of Macerata, Via Don Minzoni n. 22/A - Room 2 (Level 1)