



## PHD IN TRANSBORDER POLICIES FOR DAILY LIFE

Credits: 180 ECTS

Stage: Yes

Working language: English

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### Presentation

The main aim of our PhD is to provide students with the instruments of social research for the purpose of gathering and analysing the theoretical contribution deriving from the sociology of borders, with spatial and political reference to the concepts of centre and periphery; from urban sociology with reference to regionalism and relations among regions; from international relations; from political science and political geography and also from studies on the economic and juridical influence of borders.

The course is orientated to the elaboration of transborder policies for the development of border areas and regions considering the social and cultural dimensions of this development as they are produced and reproduced in the specific spatial context of the border.

Since problems of regional and cross-border development go beyond disciplinary boundaries and since at international level there is a huge effort to conceive and understand these issues, the programme has been devised to attract scholars and students with a multidisciplinary theoretical and methodological approach to research in economic and social development and evolution in border areas.

### Study Plan

In the first year, during the period of classes, the study load of every course is concentrated within two weeks. Lectures are held in the first one while the second one is dedicated to individual study and research in order to give students the opportunity to revise notions and explore matters of particular interest.

In the second year and third years, seminars and workshops are held to give students the opportunity to discuss their academic work and progress, and plenty of time is left to research development and composition of the final dissertation which are mainly carried out abroad, in one of the member universities.

During this period, students are followed by the macro-area tutor and the essay tutor who will deal with monitoring students' work and coordinating their

research project, suggesting relevant subjects which require further exploration.

The macro-area tutor's principal aim is to offer the PhD programme a further educational level. While classes guarantee a continuous and solid contribution of information and specialised knowledge in the different subjects, the macro-area tutor guarantees a specific educational approach which distinguishes a PhD, such as the seminar discussion of topics related to student project research, analysis and comparison of the research process among students, and exploration focused on methodological aspects which are fundamental for the PhD students' education. This also ensures a continuous exchange of information which enables the macro-area tutor and the essay tutor to orientate the student towards collaboration on research and teaching activities, providing suggestions for conferences and research projects.

### Objectives

- to lead students from theoretical study to empirical research on the most important questions of regional variations in economic, political and social structures in Europe;
- to develop the theoretical, methodological and analytical skills required for investigation;
- to enable an evaluation of European and national policies and programmes in the fields of regional policy and planning;
- to examine the relationship between international integration and national disintegration;
- to study and project strategies of cross-border cohesion and integration;
- to train students for teaching in international schools (universities and institutes) and research in study centres on border questions, cross-border policy planning and border community management.

### Tutors

The macro-area tutors will periodically hold seminars, in which students of all years will participate, in order to

lead students from study to social research, helping them to develop the necessary theoretical, methodological and analytical expertise.

Each course is inserted in a basic macro-area which avails itself of highly-qualified teachers of international stature, who deal with the coordination and development of students' work.

The macro-areas specify the basic themes around which student' research work develops. They are: the economic area, the sociological area, politics and transborder policy area, the juridical area and the methodological area.

### PhD Admission Requirements

The PhD is activated by the University of Trieste, therefore for all questions regarding application announcements and the related forms for admission and enrolment you should refer to the PhD Secretary of the University of Trieste.

Applications for admission to the Doctorate course may be submitted, with no limits on age or nationality, by anybody in possession of a University degree obtained in Italy or an equivalent qualification obtained in a foreign university and recognised by the academic

authorities, such recognition including inter-university agreements for cooperation and mobility.

Candidates are required to be in possession of a degree certificate or declaration of equivalence at the time limit corresponding to the date fixed for the oral examination.

The admission form has to be submitted to the PhD Secretary of the University of Trieste following the procedure described on the website [www.units.it/dottorati](http://www.units.it/dottorati)

### Foreign Candidates

Foreign candidates and Italian candidates holding a foreign degree can hand in their admission form on the University premises enclosing:

- the documents concerning the degree, of an at least 4-year long programme, with the list of examinations passed
- their official Italian translation
- translations have to be legally certified
- "declaration of value" of their degree (in Italian: "dichiarazione di valore in loco") released by the relevant Italian Consulate

### Courses

- Consensus Building and CBC
- Sociology of International Relations
- Advanced Sociology I and II
- International Law
- Scientific Research Process
- Social Psychology of Intergroup Relations
- Sociology of Migration
- Sociology of Borders I and II
- International Economics
- Crossborder Co-operation
- Crossborder Policies

- Crossborder Relations
- Qualitative Research
- EC Project Management
- Methodology of Social Research I
- Methodology of Social Research II
- Computer Data Processing
- Welfare State Policies
- Forecasting Techniques
- Summer School
- Border Studies
- Research Laboratory