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The Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies of the University of Padua is seeking excellent candidates to fill the academic position of:

**Tenure Track Researcher
(GSPS-04/C HISTORY AND INSTITUTIONS OF AFRICA)**

Job Description and Position

The Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies (SPGI) is seeking Expressions of Interest for a Tenure-Track Researcher (Scientific Sector GSPS-04/C). Applications by candidates of any nationality are welcome.

The Tenure-Track Researcher position is tenured, full time, with a teaching load of 90 hours of classes per academic year and 350 hours per academic year for all the teaching duties.

The annual gross salary - net of employer-paid social security contributions - is approx. € 44.207,99 (gross).

The contract has a total duration of 6 years and is not renewable. Starting from the beginning of the 4th year, an evaluation procedure may be started for the transition to the position of Associate Professor, in the event that the researcher has obtained the qualification for this position.

Candidates with a record of excellent and internationally recognized research are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate is expected to teach at both undergraduate and graduate level.

Qualifications and Requirements

According to Italian legislation, eligible candidates must have three years of experience in a position which is equivalent to Tenure-Track Researcher. Applicants must hold the equivalent position at the time of application.

The evaluation of candidates is carried out, in different phases, by (i) the Department Faculty Board; (ii) a University of Padova central Board of evaluation; (iii) the Ministry Higher Education and Research.

Approximate starting date: The successful candidate is expected to start in September 2026, but the starting date is negotiable based on individual circumstances.

Contact details

Expressions of interest, and any additional enquiries, should be addressed **until 11:59 PM March 17 2026** to the Head of Department (Prof. Sergio Gerotto) at the following email address: direzione.spgi@unipd.it. All expressions of interests will be treated as strictly confidential.

About the Department

The Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies gathers 100 scholars working in the following fields:

- Political science
- Political Philosophy
- History of Political Thought
- History of International Relations
- Contemporary and Modern History
- Law (private law, labour law, domestic public law, international and European law, comparative legal studies, jurisprudence and legal philosophy)
- Sociology (sociology of education, social change and cultural processes)
- Foreign languages and culture

The main research domains that are promoted within the Department are the following:

- European Public Policies
- Governance, Theories and Models of Regulation; Jurisprudence
- Genders Studies;
- Public Management;
- Regional studies;
- History of international organizations, history of European integration, Space Diplomacy, Terrorism

- History of (contemporary) political thought
- Human Rights Studies
- International Law; Institutional and Normative processes dealing with person, family, market, work and welfare;
- Modern and Contemporary History;
- Relations between languages, cultures and institutions (mediation; political discourse; English as a global language).

The Department runs 4 first-cycle degrees, all taught in Italian (with some subjects that are taught in English)

1. *Political Science,*
2. *Economic Law,*
3. *Political Sciences International Relations and Human Rights,*
4. *Social work*

And 5 second-cycle degrees:

1. *European and Global Studies (in English)*
2. *Human Rights and Multi-Level Governance (in English)*
3. *Public Management and Public Policies*
4. *International Relations and Diplomacy*
5. *Innovation and Social Work*