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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### EUTOPIA SUMMER SYMPOSIUM

#### *Confluence: Comparing Methods in the Environmental Humanities*

30/05/2024-01/06/2024

University of Warwick (UK)

### PREAMBLE

EUTOPIA stands as an avant-garde alliance of ten entrepreneurial universities, united in their endeavour to revolutionise higher education with an ethos centred on student engagement and challenge-based learning. This alliance is devoted to cultivating the capabilities of students and educators alike in addressing global challenges, thereby nurturing European citizenship and a commitment to lifelong learning. EUTOPIA Connected Communities are integrated thematic networks where teachers, researchers, and students cooperate in cross-campus knowledge activities. They are designed on a value-adding principle. They aim to strengthen existing good practices in challenge-based learning and research by creating inter-university connectedness.

### PURPOSE OF THE CALL AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. This call aims to select **5 students** from Ca' Foscari University of Venice who will attend the Summer Symposium *Confluence: Comparing Methods in the Environmental Humanities*, which will be held in person from May 30th to June 1st 2024 in Coventry (UK), hosted by the University of Warwick ("UW"). The official language will be English.
2. The Symposium is an activity of the EUTOPIA *Environmental Humanities* Connected Community, which is devoted to the innovative paradigm of the discipline. This CC aims to explore the critical role of the humanities in a time of environmental crisis, generating socio-ecological awareness, raising informed critique of existing paradigms and systems, and sustaining social, cultural and ethical change to protect and nourish the diversity of life on

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our planet. Four partner universities (*Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy; University of Warwick, United Kingdom; Technische Universität Dresden, Germany; NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal*) with different interdisciplinary perspectives, frameworks and experiences join to explore, compare and exchange pedagogical models and best practices, working towards a collective response to new global challenges.

3. The Summer Symposium *Confluence: Comparing Methods in the Environmental Humanities* aims to explore methods and best practices in Environmental Humanities pedagogy and share research conducted in each partner university. A thematic background for *Confluence* would be a comparative discussion of environmental challenges faced in Venice, Coventry, Dresden and Lisbon, as the cities confront different but related manifestations of the climate crisis. How do our institutions, educators, and researchers in the Environmental Humanities, not only stage but map a way through some of the key socio-cultural, economic and political challenges we face in the transition to a decarbonised future? The symposium is going to feature panels, workshops, field activities, and site visits (e.g. National Automotive Innovation Centre).

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be students regularly enrolled in the **Master's Degree Programme in Environmental Humanities** at Ca' Foscari University of Venice for the academic year 2023/2024 at the time of submitting the application and until the end of the Symposium.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. Applicants must submit their application form, using the following Google Form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckFdpMSPL8RuoZBjCXPEYMIB7FOvVpyA31NY\\_mixYJzPkqOw/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckFdpMSPL8RuoZBjCXPEYMIB7FOvVpyA31NY_mixYJzPkqOw/viewform?usp=sharing)

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Personal data collected through the Google Form will be processed by Ca' Foscari University of Venice as described below in the data protection section.

2. Applicants must write a **motivation letter** (maximum 200 words) and upload it as a PDF file: they need to describe the reasons for their interest in participating in the Summer Symposium and expected connections with their academic career.
3. Ineligibility: if, at any stage in the application procedure it is established that the information provided by applicants has knowingly been falsified, candidates will be disqualified from the selection process.
4. Deadline: **April 28th 2024, h 23:59**. Any application received after the deadline will not be considered.

**Applications will be rejected ONLY in the following cases:**

- submission after the deadline;
- student not regularly enrolled.

## SELECTION PROCESS

### Selection

A Selection Committee will be established at Ca' Foscari University of Venice. The final ranking (including a waiting list) will be published on Ca' Foscari website and selected students will be contacted via email by [eutopia@unive.it](mailto:eutopia@unive.it) to confirm their participation. Candidates who fail to confirm according to the deadlines and procedures forfeit the right to participate.

### Calendar

- Deadline for applications: **April 28th 2024, h 23:59**
- Publication of selected candidates: **April 30th 2024 - May 2nd 2024**

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- Deadline for acceptance and confirmation of participation: **May 3rd 2024, h 12:00 pm**

### Appeal Procedure

Rejected applicants who feel that a mistake has been made in the process or that their application has not been fairly evaluated can file a complaint to the EUTOPIA Unit not later than 2 days after the publication of the final ranking on the university website, explaining their reasons.

Complaints from applicants who have failed to satisfy all the eligibility criteria (e.g. who have not produced the required documentation or do not meet the requirements, etc.), or have failed to satisfy them within the established timeframes, will not be taken into consideration.

The appeal procedure can only come into play if a candidate feels that the Selection Committee has not handled his/her own application in line with the principles and procedures described in the call. In other words, the appeal cannot concern the decision itself, but only an alleged error made in the process.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Ca' Foscari University of Venice Selection Committee will select students according to the following criteria:

- Motivation of the candidate: up to 20/30 points
- CV: up to 10/30 points.

### OBLIGATIONS OF SELECTED STUDENTS

1. The selected students will need to attend and actively participate in the Summer Symposium activities.
2. The selected students must immediately check:

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- if they have valid documents to enter and stay in the UK;
- non-EU students: if they have a valid Italian residence permit to return to Italy at the end of the mobility;

Students are responsible for checking any health and safety risks they may incur during their mobility and acting accordingly.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Ca' Foscari University of Venice will contribute up to 200€ per student to reimburse actual costs (travel tickets, accommodation and/or meals).

## DATA PROTECTION

### Data protection information - Selection procedure

Ca' Foscari University of Venice (protocollo@pec.unive.it, Dorsoduro n. 3246, 30123 Venice), in its capacity as data controller, provides the applicants with information on the processing of their personal data collected to carry out the selection procedures for the Summer Symposium *Confluence: Comparing Methods in the Environmental Humanities* at UW ("Event").

The event will be held at UW from May 30th to June 1st 2024.

The University collects applicants' personal data, such as name, surname, contact details, academic experiences and other relevant information.

Applicants' personal data will be stored for 5 years from the time of collection.

Personal data is collected and processed to select the students that wish to take part in the Event. **Only the personal data of selected candidates will be shared with UW as it is necessary for the organisation of the event.**

### Data protection information - Organisation of the event

The University of Warwick (UW), located at Coventry CV4 7AL, UK acts as the entity responsible for personal data. UW collects and processes personal data for the purpose of registering individuals and facilitating their participation in the Summer Symposium *Confluence: Comparing Methods in the*

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*Environmental Humanities*. Only authorised personnel (individuals involved in organising the event) and UW employees have access to the data provided by applicants. This information will be retained for the duration of the event and subsequently, in accordance with applicable legal provisions. For more information regarding the processing of personal data at UW, please refer to the UW Privacy Policy, available at the following link:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/legalandcomplianceservices/dataprotection/otherprivacynotices/events/>

### **Consent for processing your image through photo and video means**

During the event, the organiser could capture photos and videos for the purpose of promoting the event. The photos and videos could be shared with the other EUTOPIA Partners and published on their website as well as social media platforms. Personal data in the form of images will be collected and processed only by authorised individuals within UW, responsible for organising the event as well as the personnel and other authorised subjects of the EUTOPIA's Partners with whom the photos were shared with. In order to process images (photo and video), applicants' Consent is required. Photos will be retained for a maximum of 5 years from the time of collection. Granting consent for this processing of personal data (photo and video) is not a mandatory condition for applicants' participation in the event.

### **MORE INFORMATION AND CONTACTS**

#### **Responsible for the procedure**

Mauro Cannone, Manager of Educational Programmes and Student Services Area, is responsible for the procedure, according to Law n. 241/1990.

For details on the EUTOPIA MORE project see [www.unive.it/pag/43372](http://www.unive.it/pag/43372);

for further information, please contact: [eutopia@unive.it](mailto:eutopia@unive.it)

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