

Ca' Foscari University of Venice – Economics Department

The Department's research activity is grounded in a consolidated tradition of economic studies deriving from the origins of Ca' Foscari University, which was established as the first Italian school of economics and management.

The Department's research focuses on:

- microeconomic analysis, both theoretical and econometric; public economics and the economics of public welfare and the tax system; health economics, study and evaluation of economic policies, with special attention to policies relating to the pension system, care, health and social inclusion;
- risk measurement and management, development of mathematical and statistical models used to study financial markets and economic systems;
- management of natural resources in both public and private contexts, global change and sustainable development, with integrated modelling approaches.

The Department organizes over 130 scientific seminars each year. In addition, the Department hosts the journal *Research in Economics*, founded in 1947 and today published by Elsevier.

National and international reputation in research

The quality level of the research produced in the department may be evaluated using the department's position in certain national and international rankings, as well as bibliometric indicators of scientific publications

ANVUR Ranking, VQR 2011-14

3rd university in Area 13 (Economic and Statistic Science) among medium-sized universities in Italy

5th Department of Economics in Italy

ANVUR Ranking, VQR 2011-14-Scientific disciplinary sector

1st in Italy for Econometrics (sector P05)

2nd in Italy for Mathematical methods for economy, finance and actuarial sciences (sector S06)

3rd in Italy for Economics (sector P01) and Economic Policy (sector P02)

RePEc ranking (repec.org)

Between 2014 and 2016, the Department rose from 14th to 12th position in Italy (of 319) and from 310th to 289th in world rankings. Moreover, 5 department members are listed amongst the 100 top economists in Italy, while 2 departmental graduates (now being senior economists at the European Central Bank and Norges Bank) appear among the top 100 young economists (under 40).

QS World Top Universities Rankings by Subject 2017

Top 250 for Economics & Econometrics

ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2017

Top 300 for Economics

Access to funding capacity

In the last three years, the Department has attracted a yearly average of €830,000 in funding. During 2017 funding related to European projects has already reached €786,122. There are also numerous other collaborations within the field of evaluation of international public policies (on public health in Australia, Cambodia, Peru and the USA) and national policies (Ministry of Health, the National Institute of Health and various regional agencies) to monitor prevention plans and the recent support for the Ministry of Health in the preparation of the G7 Health Ministerial meeting.

Highly-qualified teaching

The Department gives special focus to post-graduate education (Masters and Doctorate programmes) and to the training of research fellows and young researchers, who play an active role in current research projects. The Quantitative Methods in Economics (QEM) master course is part of a joint Erasmus Mundus (the first in Italy in economics to receive funding) involving four European universities and a network of public and private Associated Partners.

The Department offers three doctoral programmes, including one in Economics and one in Climate Change, both four-year courses. The Doctorate in Economics provides advanced training in economics and finance, and the opportunity to take part in research groups, promoting exchanges and study programmes abroad. It is part of the EDEEM network – European Doctorate in Economics Excellence and Mobility – which also facilitates student mobility and joint supervision of theses. A third of doctoral candidates are foreigners, and the programme's latest accreditation recognised the three characteristics of an innovative doctorate programme: international, interdisciplinary, intersectoral.

Networks

Thanks to scientific projects and teaching collaborations, the Department is part of a solid and widespread network comprising prestigious European and international universities (including Paris Sorbonne, UCL, LBS, UVA Amsterdam, Columbia University, MIT), various national and international agencies (including Banca d'Italia, World Bank, OMS, JRC, ECB, EIB, IMF, European Systemic Risk Board, Eurostat) and companies such as Assicurazioni Generali, Intesa Sanpaolo, Prometeia.