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PART I: Research objectives

Section A - Statement of the Department: research objectives and indicators

Linee guida per la compilazione

In questa sezione il Dipartimento descrive i settori di ricerca nei quali opera e gli obiettivi di ricerca pluriennali, in linea con il piano strategico di Ateneo; fornisce, inoltre, obiettivi misurabili da raggiungere l'anno successivo, tenendo conto nella formulazione di criticità e punti di miglioramento. È opportuno fare riferimento a, o riportare, estratti di documenti strategici/programmatici del dipartimento.

DSAAM (*Dipartimento di Studi sull'Asia e sull'Africa Mediterranea*) is an "area studies" Department focused on the study of Asian and Northern African languages and cultures. The research developed in the Department combines five areas of specialization in the Humanities and Social Sciences:

- 1) Language, Philology and Literary Studies, from classical periods to modern times;
- 2) History, with a focus on modern and contemporary periods;
- 3) Archaeology and Art History;
- 4) Philosophy, Religious Studies and Anthropology;
- 5) Sociology, Law and International Studies.

DSAAM faculty carries out research on geo-political areas of crucial importance. The historical, philological, linguistic, literary, archeological, art historical and religious studies approaches are complemented by attention to sociological, juridical and international studies dimension of the different areas. Research on intercultural communication and on transcultural aspects in the socio-economic, juridical and political-institutional between Europe, Asia and North Africa is based on a solid linguistic and philological education and on the study of religion, history and art.

DSAAM offers a Ph.D. Program in Asian and North African Cultures with a focus on transcultural perspectives (<https://www.unive.it/pag/7552/>).

DSAAM has five research centers:

- 1) E-learning of the Japanese language. The [Jalea](#) project (co-funded by Mitsubishi International) involves the development of IT tools to facilitate the learning of the Japanese language;
- 2) [DAR Laboratorio Didattica dell'Arabo in Ricerca](#) is focused on TAFL (Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language) in non-university contexts; it organizes workshops and offers advice to implement good practices;
- 3) [Laboratorio sulla traduzione delle lingue orientali](#) is focused on the translation of oriental languages, it organizes international conferences, conferences and publications on translation, including the series *Translating Wor(l)ds*, for the Edizioni Ca' Foscari;
- 4) [Centro di Studi sul Medio Oriente Contemporaneo \(CEM\)](#) studies the Great Middle East from the 19th to the 21st century with particular attention to current events; it organizes academic and dissemination events open to the public and offers targeted training on specific topics of the Great Middle East;
- 5) [Marco Polo \(MaP\) Center for Global Europe-Asia Connections](#) (funded by the Ministry of Education and University - Project for Excellence Departments) dedicated to the study of interactions and connections - political, cultural, economic, religious - between Asia, Europe and the Arab-Islamic world.

The Department publishes an academic journal, the *Annali of Ca 'Foscari. Eastern series* (<http://edizionicafoscari.unive.it/it/edizioni/riviste/annali-di-ca-foscari-serie-orientale/>), which is included in the list of journals of Fascia A-ANVUR, in the ERIH PLUS - European Reference Index for the Humanities, in DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals and in SCOPUS from 2018. Moreover, it publishes seven open access book series ([Ca 'Foscari Japanese Studies](#), [Eurasistica](#), [Filologie Medievali e Moderne - Serie Orientale](#), [Hilâl](#), [I Grandi Libri della Letteratura Araba](#), [Sinica Venetiana](#), [Translating Wor\(l\)ds](#)).

Following the last National Research Assessment (VQR 2011-14 <http://www.unive.it/pag/29351>), the Department ranked first in the scientific area 10 (Humanities) with 356 publications (an increase of 14%). Faculty at DSAAM consistently produces research publications – in English, Italian, German, French, Chinese and Japanese, Arabian, Persian – of the highest international standards.

In accordance with the goals defined in the University Strategic Plan, DSAAM's research objectives from 2015 to 2017 have been defined in the [2016-2018 three-year Department Development Plan](#) (DDP) and in the [Excellence Project](#) (EP) presented in 2017 and approved by the Italian Ministry of Education and University (MIUR) in 2018.

In accordance with the strategic plan of the University and in consideration of the excellent results obtained at national level (see above VQR and Excellence Department) DSAAM's main research goal has been to strengthen its research impact (enhance talent and attract funds, improving research evaluation, promote coordinated and interdisciplinary research).

This goal has been further articulated as follows (ref.DDP and EP):

1. DSAAM as a host institution for excellent individual research:

- Attract and supervise researchers of any nationality who intend to carry out a period of research at the University, with particular attention to the Principal Investigator figures H2020-ERC (European Research Council Grant), to early-stage researchers proposing H2020-MSCA (Marie S. Curie Action) projects, SIR and projects in other competitive calls;
- Attract visiting scholars and professors and to improve international cooperation on strategic research projects through the Double Affiliation procedures.

2. DSAAM as a center for impact and multidisciplinary research:

- Promoting the establishment of research groups and cooperative efforts through incentives (contributions to international events, study missions abroad);
- Promote the faculty's participation in multidisciplinary teams at local, national, and international level;
- Successful participation of the faculty to national and international research calls;
- Increase the international impact and dissemination of the faculty's research products, improving the system for internal evaluation of scientific products in order to allocate individual funds (ADiR - *Assegnazione Dipartimentale per la Ricerca*) according to international best practices and supporting publications in English and in open access at international level.

The research performance indicators (ref. DDP) have been the following:

1) Funding from the EU and international organizations, public and private organizations

Base value - 2016 = € 854,650

Target value - annual => € 800,000

Value 2017 = € 1,599,939

2) Number of ERCs and MSCAs

Base value - 2015 (year of funding) = 1 MSCA

Target value = 1 ERC/2 MSCA in the three-year period

Value 2017 (year of funding) = ERC: 1, MSCA: 2

4) Degree of interdisciplinary research (participation of faculty to Ca' Foscari research Teams for Global Challenges)

Base value - 2016 = project start and registration

Target value - end of three years = 40% of the teaching staff actively involved in interdisciplinary teams

2017 value = 26.7%

5) Quality of overall research production

Presence of faculty publications on reference bibliographic repertoires and database (A-class journals, Scopus, Was, excellent journals in DSAAM research areas)

Base value: a) n. 7 in WOS: b) n. 9 in SCOPUS

2017 value: a) in WOS n. 20 increase rate 185.7%; b) in SCOPUS n. 20 increase rate 122%

6) Departmental funds for interdisciplinary and innovative research projects, mobility of young researchers and doctoral students, publications in English

Base value -2016 = budget € 3,000

Target value => 5,000 €/year

PART II: Human resources and Scientific production

Section A – Human resources

Subsection A.1 – Research personnel

Faculty

Year ¹	Full Professors	Associate Professors	Researchers	Fixed-Term Researcher <i>[Ricercatori t-det]</i>
2017	13	26	8	13
2016	12	29	8	4
2015	12	28	9	9

Research Grant Holders and PhD students

Year ¹	Research Grant Holders	PhD students
2017	6	24
2016	12	22
2015	11	19

¹ Detected at 31 December of every year

Section B - Scientific production (2015-2017)

Subsection B.1 – Overall scientific production²

Total scientific production

Publishing year	Journal articles	Book Parts	Books	Conference Proceedings	Patents	Other	TOT
2017	61	83	5	2	0	1	152
2016	46	69	12	7	0	0	134
2015	35	87	15	6	0	0	143
TOT	142	239	32	15	0	1	429

Indexed publications

Category	2015	2016	2017	TOT
Indexed in WoS/Scopus	10	6	10	26
Articles in top 10% WoS/Scopus Journals	2	3	4	9
Articles in ANVUR “Class A” Journals	22	21	37	80
Articles in Excellence Journals ³	10	9	20	39
TOT	44	39	71	154

Other indicators of interest of the Department (Optional)

Role at Ca' Foscari	Number	ARCA products	Indexed in WoS / Scopus	Top 10% WOS/Scopus Journals	ANVUR Class A Journals	Excellence Journals ³
Full Professor	13	84	1	3	13	4
Associate Professor	26	197	8	1	35	19
Researcher	8	37	0	0	4	3
Fixed-Term Researchers [Ricercatori t-det]	13	110	17	5	28	13
TOT	60	428	26	9	80	39

N.B.: the publications with more authors internal to the Department and belonging to different positions have been counted for each respective category

² Source: University Repository ARCA (<https://arca.unive.it/>). Only publication with a ISBN/ISSN or DOI code have been considered. Book editing activities have been excluded.

³ “Excellence Journals” is a list, proposed by the University departments, of journals of particular value in the non-bibliometrical scientific areas.

Subsection B.2 - Scientific production of newly recruited and promoted researchers

Newly recruited researchers

Entry role at Ca' Foscari	Number	ARCA products	Indexed in WoS / Scopus	Top 10% WOS/Scopus Journals	ANVUR Class A Journals	Excellence Journals
Full Professor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associate Professor	2	5	1	0	0	2
Fixed-Term Researchers <i>[Ricercatori t-det]</i>	4	27	5	0	4	2
TOT	6	32	6	0	4	4

Promoted researchers

Acquired role	Number	ARCA products	Indexed in WoS / Scopus	Top 10% WOS/Scopus Journals	ANVUR Class A Journals	Excellence Journals
Full Professor	2	12	0	0	2	2
Associate Professor	5	39	1	0	8	5
Fixed-Term Researchers <i>[Ricercatori t-det]</i>	9	89	12	5	24	11
TOT	16	140	13	5	34	18

Subsection B.3 - Researchers with no scientific production⁴

Researchers with no scientific production

Full Professors	Associate Professors	Researchers	Fixed-Term Researchers <i>[Ricercatori t-det]</i>
0	2	1	0

Researchers with no scientific production recruited/promoted in the three-year period 2015-2017

Full Professors	Associate Professors	Researchers	Fixed-Term Researchers <i>[Ricercatori t-det]</i>
0	0	0	0

⁴ Researchers with no scientific publication in the three years period (source: University Repository ARCA)

Comments concerning the critical issues

- Between 2015 and 2017 the number of faculty members has more or less remained stable, in spite of a small increase in the number of fixed-term researchers in 2017. Though the number of Ph.D. students has increased, the number of research grant holders has diminished as fewer resources have been dedicated to finance research-only positions. This fact represents a critical point, and it is due essentially to the need of greater financial investments in order to guarantee the sustainability of teaching over research activities.
- The total scientific production has remained more or less stable, with a slight increase. In this respect, it is evident that journal articles have acquired an increasing relevance as a research output and their total number has almost doubled in three years. This shift appears to have penalized the production of monographic publications, which are usually considered the most important and effective kind of scientific publication in the Humanities, whose number has decreased from 2015 to 2017. Though a three-year span of time is too short in order to assess properly if this new trend is destined to last and it is not just a contingent phenomenon, we can assume that this choice could be due to pressures of maintaining a constant number of annual publications in order to have access to research funds and to participate in evaluation procedures, rather than to a greater preference for scientific journals as the most important vehicle for dissemination of research results. The time and effort required to publish books (especially with international publishers) may discourage researchers (especially in the early years of their career) to invest resources in publications of this kind. Moreover, the national evaluation system for academic qualification (ASN) usually gives more weight to the number of excellent journal articles than it does to books. Recent research on academic evaluation system has underlined that the importance of books as scientific products in the Social Sciences and Humanities is probably overestimated (see [RobinBa](#)). Ultimately, this trend may have a negative impact on the faculty's ability to consolidate its international standing as the publication of monographs is still a key requirement and internationally and in American academia.
- There is a significant increase in the number of scientific articles published by the faculty of DSAAM in nationally or internationally indexed journals and in the journals acknowledged as excellent in the respective field of study (see list of Excellence journals). With respect to this performance, targets (see section A. Part I) have been achieved. This trend can be positively evaluated as a sign of increasing attention to maximize research impact. This is more evident if we focus on the research output of short-term researchers.
- Considering the average productivity of faculty members as measured in absolute numbers, there are no great differences between full professors and associate professors. Short-term researchers are more productive than tenured researchers. The gap is probably due to the decreasing career prospects for researchers in Italian academia and the lack of economic incentives. On the other hand, as said above, pressure to publish is more intense for short-term researchers. On the whole, there were only two members of faculty (both associate professors) with no scientific production in the years under consideration (a percentage of 3%). This should not be regarded as a criticality: one faculty was about to retire and the other one was working on a research project whose publication was slowed down for reasons that have nothing to do with the said professor (ref. personal interview). Newly recruited and promoted researchers have been as active as they could be expected to be considering the teaching and administrative workload they were assigned.

PART III: Resources, incentives, actions

Nelle sezioni e nei quadri della Parte III il Dipartimento specifica quante risorse proprie sono state dedicate alla ricerca, con quali criteri sono state distribuite, che risultati sono stati ottenuti.

Section A – Departmental research funding

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Indicare come sono distribuite le risorse dipartimentali per la ricerca (ad esempio mettendo un link al regolamento ADiR), quali sono stati i risultati delle assegnazioni e i criteri di valutazione degli stessi.

We would like to highlight the fact that in the years 2015-2017, the allocation of ADiR research funds to be distributed on an individual basis has been reduced thus:

- 2015 – 100,000 €;
- 2016 – 80,000 €;
- 2017 – 75,000 €.

This decrease was due to the necessity to support teaching activities because of the high number of students enrolled in the programs offered by the Department, especially in some areas of specialization.

These ADiR funds have been distributed on an individual basis according to an internal evaluation system carried out by members of the Research Committee of the Department according to a peer-review process and in compliance with the criteria outlined by the University (<https://www.unive.it/pag/9733/>). The final score of each publication is the sum of the internal assessment of its impact (presence in academic libraries and/or in indexed catalogues and databases), its excellence (for instance, the publisher) and the scientific content. A report of the allocation process and outcome is produced every April and published on the Department's website. ([Report ADiR 2015](#); [Report ADiR 2016](#); [Report ADiR 2017](#)).

Because of the significant decrease of available funds (-25% from 2015 to 2017) and the higher number of faculty, the average individual funds have diminished from 2015 to 2017:

	2015	2016	2017
Average individual funds	1,754€	1,442€	1,379€
Minimum	102€	81€	71€
Maximum	3,163€	2,505€	2,271€

A comparatively small number of members of faculty (more or less 10%) shows a low level of scientific productivity (in quantity if not in quality), though total inactivity is occasional and extremely rare. Importantly, the Research Committee finds that low levels of scientific productivity are most often associated with increased teaching duties and institutional responsibilities, and only occasionally are due to contingent personal reasons.

Section B – Funding for Research Grants and Short-term Research Fellowships

Linee guida per la compilazione

Indicare eventuali regolamenti/criteri dipartimentali di assegnazione delle risorse per assegni (Research grant positions) e borse di ricerca (Short-term Research Fellowships). Fornire ad esempio il link al regolamento considerato, descrivere quali sono stati i risultati delle assegnazioni e i criteri di valutazione degli stessi.

In the three years considered, research grants and short-term research fellowships have been financed thanks to Departmental funds, national and international funding programs (PRIN, H2020, ERASMUS+) and external funds (e.g. Foundations, Embassies).

From 2015 to 2017, the funds invested by the Department to finance Research Grant Holders have reached the total amount of 380,000 €. Some positions lasted less than planned, as the grant holder were hired either as short-term researcher or moved to other institutions.

The financed positions have been individuated on a competitive basis considering the project excellence and its feasibility, but also taking into account the research strategy of the Department and the need to support the variety of disciplines and research areas of the Department. As the data reveal, research in almost all the SSD (**S**cientific-**D**isciplinary **S**ectors) in the Department have been funded. External funds have been strategic to finance positions in areas of new interest of the Department.

Subsection B.1 – Research Grant Holders

Funding sources	SSD	Number of Research grant positions
External Funds - Embassy of Azerbaijan	L-OR/13	4
External Funds - Gulbenkian Foundation	L-OR/13	3
Departmental Funds	L-OR/13	3
External Funds - Bonebakker Donation	L-OR/12	2
Departmental Funds	L-OR/16	2
Departmental Funds	L-OR/11	3
Departmental Funds	IUS/02; L-OR/21	3
External Funds - Mitsubishi Donation	L-OR/22	2
Departmental Funds	L-OR/22	6
External Funds - Rothschild Foundation	L-OR/08	4
Departmental Funds	L-OR/08	1
Departmental Funds	L-OR/21	4
Departmental Funds	L-OR/23; SPS/14	2
European Funds Marie S. Curie Action	SPS/14	3
Departmental Funds	SPS/14	5
External Funds -PRIN National Programme	SPS/06; 14/B2	1

Subsection B.2 – Short term Research Fellowships

Funding sources	SSD (if available)	Number of Short-term Research Fellowships
External Funds - Unioncamere	L-OR/21	1

Section C – Other Departmental actions for research support

Linee guida per la compilazione

In questa sezione vanno segnalati, ad esempio:

- (co-)finanziamenti per iscrizione a convegni, organizzazione di convegni, *proof-reading*, pubblicazioni su riviste ad alto impatto, *open access*, partecipazione a bandi europei ed internazionali;
- azioni di supporto alla ricerca che non prevedano la distribuzione di risorse a soggetti o a gruppi di ricerca specifici. Ad esempio: *Research Day*, Serie di *Working Papers*, Comunicazione della ricerca prodotta, seminari di Dipartimento, altri eventi.

Conference Registration Fees

Conference registrations fees are usually paid by individual participants making use of their ADiR funds. The decrease can be connected to a diminished availability of ADiR funds, that are preferentially used of research missions or international events *in situ*.

2015	2016	2017
2,658€	1,559€	694€

Conferences Organization

Events such as international and national symposiums, workshops and lectures series are only partially financed by the Department, due to lack of resources to be dedicated to this kind of initiatives. Faculty members often make use of their individual ADiR funds to support the organization of the events. The most important financial support for academic events has come from Institutions (Confucius Institute for China-related events and King Sejong Institute for Korea-related events). External funds (as Foundations and Embassies) also have given a fundamental support to this activity.

As observed above, there has been a general decrease in the funds available from any source to this activity along the period under examination.

Funding sources	2015	2016	2017
DSSAM – Internal Funds	9,655€	7,206 €	7,593€
DSAAM – External Funds	24,931€	21,122€	6,805€
Confucius Institute Funds	31,620€	22,135€	21,485€
King Sejong Institute Funds	2,831€	2,321€	2,042€
total	69,037€	52,784€	37,925€

Open Access & Proofreading

The Department financial support to faculty's scientific publications comes from the individual funds ADiR of faculty members. In compliance with the University rules, the funds are usually used to finance publication with Ca' Foscari Digital publishing, which guarantees peer-review evaluation and open access. The use of funds for publication with other academic publishers (Italian or international) is evaluated by the Research Committee of the Department on a case-by-case basis. Funds for proofreading and translation in English come from individual ADiR funds.

2015	2016	2017
33,180€	8,875€	20,270€

Support to Faculty's Submission of Research Proposals

DSAAM has actively supported faculty in the submission of research proposal at national and international level.

DSAAM faculty's engagement in writing and submitting research proposal on a competitive basis at national and international level has been strongly supported and has increased over time (International: 2015: 9 projects; 2016: 17 projects; 2017: 18 projects). As national calls (as PRIN - Research Project of National Interest) are only occasionally issued, most of the DSAAM research projects have been submitted for grants and financial support from the EU (especially but not exclusively H2020) and international organizations (included institutions as the Confucius Institute and King Sejong Institute).

One criticality may be that only few (national and local: 3 out of 15; international: 13 out of 44) have been funded, and this includes also the proposals submitted to institutions (as the Confucius Institute) that cooperates with DSAAM on a regular basis. However, it is worth pointing out that the rate of success has increased in the course of time: 7 out of 13 international research proposals that have been funded were submitted in 2017. This surely represents strong evidence of DSAAM faculty's increasing ability and willingness to compete for international funds. Importantly, DSAAM faculty is also somewhat penalized by the idiosyncratic nature of many of the calls by the European Commission (for instance, H2020 – Challenges pillar) in terms of research fields or geographical area of interest.

National Projects

Nr	Anno	Programma di finanziamento	Tipologia bando	Titolo Progetto	Referente scientifico	Durata del progetto	Budget	Esito
1	2015	PRIN	Unità principali	Public history and Islamic Countries	Maria Pia Pedani	36 mesi	€ 181.131,00	non finanziato
2	2015	PRIN	Unità principali	Cultura, potere ed esegesi: dinamiche della traduzione intralinguistica e interlinguistica in Asia Orientale	Attilio Andreini	36 mesi	€ 995.374,00	non finanziato
3	2015	PRIN	Unità principali	Percorsi di avvicinamento fra Europa occidentale e Repubblica Popolare Cinese negli anni della Guerra Fredda: Italia e Repubblica Federale Tedesca a confronto, 1949-1972	Guido Samarani	36 mesi	€ 166.000,00	finanziato
4	2015	PRIN	Unità operative locali	Paesaggi archeologici dell'antico Iraq fra preistoria ed epoca islamica (PADAI): formazione, trasformazione, tutela e valorizzazione	Cristina Tonghini	36 mesi	€ 26.315,00	finanziato
5	2015	PRIN	Unità operative locali	Profughi, esuli e Displaced Persons in Italia nel lungo dopoguerra (1943-1956). Il contesto nazionale e internazionale	Emanuela Trevisan	36 mesi	€ 62.714,00	non finanziato
6	2015	PRIN	Unità operative locali	A Unified Model for a Corpus-based Grammar of Contemporary Written Arabic	Antonella Gherseti	36 mesi	€ 133.895,00	non finanziato
7	2015	PRIN	Unità operative locali	Religious pluralism. Italy as a case study - towards a methodological outline	Federico Squarcini	36 mesi	€ 68.160,00	non finanziato
8	2015	PRIN	Unità operativa esterna	Pluralità, identità, libertà e dialogo tra le religioni: il contributo della filosofia alla ricostruzione dello spazio pubblico	Ida Zilio Grandi	36 mesi		non finanziato
9	2015	PRIN	Unità operativa esterna	Italy: for a Citizenship 2.0.The Role of the Religious Factor	Ida Zilio Grandi	36 mesi		non finanziato
10	2015	PRIN	Unità operativa esterna	The Long History of Anti-Semitism. Jews in Europe and the Mediterranean (X-XXI centuries): Socio-Economic Practices and Cultural Processes of Coexistence between Discrimination and Integration, Persecution and Conversion	Piero Capelli	36 mesi		non finanziato
11	2015	PRIN	Unità operativa esterna	Translating Worlds: Towards a Global History of Italian Culture (1450-1914)	Stefano Pellò	36 mesi		finanziato
12	2015	Progetti di Ateneo		Terminologia italo-cinese degli atti giudiziari: verso la definizione di uno standard traduttologico uniforme	Renzo R. Cavalieri	12 mesi	€ 28.350,00	non finanziato
13	2015	Progetti di Ateneo		OmniJA: Applicativo web per lo studio della lingua giapponese e sviluppo di editor e interfaccia per la compilazione e consultazione di glossario, dizionario giapponese-italiano, dizionario di caratteri cinesi (kanji) e grammatica giapponese ipermediale	Marcella Maria Mariotti	24 mesi	€ 154.613,00	non finanziato
14	2015	Progetti di Ateneo		Interculturalità, formazione e generi letterari: proposta di un manuale di letteratura cinese per gli studenti della scuola superiore	Paolo Magagnin	12 mesi	€ 8.000,00	finanziato
15	2017	FSE	Tipologia A (Progetti individuali)	Emozioni Cinesi	Attilio Andreini	12 mesi	€ 24.000,00	non finanziato

International Projects

Nr	Anno	Programma di finanziamento	Tipologia bando	Titolo Progetto	Referente scientifico	Durata del progetto	Budget	Esito
1	2017	Erasmus+ KA EMJMD	EU	MIM2 - Crossing the Mediterranean: towards investment and integration	Emanuela Trevisan	60 mesi	€ 4.076.000,00	non finanziato
2	2017	H2020 - CULT COOP	EU	BRIDGIN-EU - Bridging Europe's troubled pasts: silenced histories, disconnected presents, shared futures	Marcella Simoni - Dario Miccoli	48 mesi	€ 2.500.000,00	non finanziato
3	2017	H2020 - CULT COOP	EU	Religious diversity in Europe - Past, present and future	Massimo Raveri	36 mesi	€ 2.500.000,00	non finanziato
4	2017	H2020 CULT-COOP	EU	ARTUR, Paving The Road to Armenian-Turkish Reconciliation	Aldo Ferrari	36 mesi	€ 3.000.000,00	non finanziato
5	2017	Donazione (Rothschild)	INTERNAZ	Between Humanitarian Practices and Youth Aliyah Policy: Jewish Displaced Children and Youths in a Transnational Perspective (1943-1948)	Marcella Simoni	24 mesi	€ 65.000,00	finanziato
6	2017	Istituto	INTERNAZ	Istituto Confucio 2017	Marco Ceresa	12 mesi	€ 149.150,97	finanziato
7	2017	Erasmus+ KA2	EU	Learning and Teaching Turkish by Turkish Folk Songs: Strategic Cooperation for Creating a New Learning Tool for Curricula in Turcology Departments in Universities	Matthias Kappler	24 mesi	€ 200.000,00	non finanziato
8	2017	Donazione (Toshiba)	INTERNAZ	Japanese films and television programs in Europe: Former popularity, current decline, and the quest for new marketing strategies (1951-2018)	Toshio Miyake (Marco Pellitteri)	12 mesi	€ 10.000,00	finanziato
9	2017	Istituto	INTERNAZ	King Sejong Institute 2017	Vincenza D'Urso	12 mesi	€ 37.753,94	finanziato
10	2017	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - GF	EU	The "Art of Representation" in the current debate concerning the social positioning and identities of the indigenous people of Indi - AMRYT Mapping Deep(ly) Narratives: towards a visual atlas of Jewish memories and identities across the Mediterranean and beyond. A gendered, compared perspective	Stefano Beggiora	36 mesi	€ 200.000,00	non finanziato
11	2017	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - GF	EU	WHEREAL World Heritage and East Asian Literature - Sinitic writings in Japan as Literary Heritage.	Emanuela Trevisan	36 mesi	€ 247.761,00	non finanziato
12	2017	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - GF	EU	LITHOFAC The Early Farmers of the North Black Sea coast and the steppe zone. The litic factor: Craft specialization, circulation and procurement	Bonaventura Ruperti	36 mesi	€ 280.683,00	finanziato
13	2017	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - GF	EU	CARPAT, Territorial Dynamics of Carpathian Neolithic Societies (6th-4th mill. Bc). Settlement Pattern, Land Use and Salt Resources	Paolo Biagi	24 mesi	€ 180.277,20	non finanziato
14	2017	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - GF	EU	SAFVEN - West meets East in Venice: Cross-cultural interactions and reciprocal influences between the Safavids and Venetians	Maria Pia Pedani	24 mesi	€ 180.277,20	finanziato
15	2017	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - EF	EU	ConWOMN Construction of Ottoman and Middle-Eastern women in early modern Europe	Maria Pia Pedani	24 mesi	€ 168.277,20	non finanziato
16	2017	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - GF	EU	GenderCinema Female stereotypes in Indian cinema. Best practices for gender equality	Lidia Holden	36 mesi	€ 244.269,00	non finanziato
17	2017	Donazione (Toshiba)	INTERNAZ	Japanese films and television programs in Europe: Former popularity, current decline, and the quest for new marketing strategies (1951-2018)	Toshio Miyake (Marco Pellitteri)	12 mesi	€ 24.897,50	finanziato
18	2016	Ministero Taiwan	INTERNAZ	Spotlight Taiwan	Federica Passi	12 mesi	€ 26.635,00	finanziato
19	2016	Istituto	INTERNAZ	Istituto Confucio 2016	Marco Ceresa	12 mesi	€ 193.609,30	finanziato
20	2016	Donazione (Rothschild)	INTERNAZ	Migrations, socialisations, cultures and Jewishness. Francophone literature of Jewish-Maghrebi writers in international perspective (Canada, France, Israel)	Emanuela Trevisan	24 mesi	€ 65.000,00	non finanziato
21	2016	Erasmus+ KA2	europo	Study of Religions Against Prejudices and Stereotypes (SORAPS)	Massimo Raveri	30 mesi	€ 357.872,00	finanziato
22	2016	Donazione (Mitsubishi)	INTERNAZ	JALEA - Japanese Learning	Marcella Mariotti	12 mesi	€ 25.000,00	finanziato
23	2016	Donazione (Rothschild)	INTERNAZ	Venice hub for Jewish studies	Emanuela Trevisan	36 mesi	€ 378.456,00	non finanziato
24	2016	H2020 - Excellent Science - MSCA EF	EU	Reader, Author, Scholar in a Context of Information Overflow. How to master/manage knowledge when there is too much to know? (RASCIO)	Antonella Ghersetti	24 mesi	€ 200.000,00	finanziato
25	2016	H2020 - Excelent Science - AdG	EU	The kartvelo-Sumerian language code, or Different beginnings of our civilization (KSLC)	Anna Menskhi	60 mesi	€ 877.682,00	non finanziato
26	2016	H2020 - Excellent Science - AdG	EU	OBSIDIANS, Obsidian in the Caucasus: procurement sources, mining, distribution and trade from the Palaeolithic to the Metal Ages	Paolo Biagi	60 mesi	€ 1.350.000,00	non finanziato
27	2016	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - GF	EU	Diaspora Variations - The Ethical Question	Emanuela Trevisan	36 mesi	€ 200.000,00	non finanziato
28	2016	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - GF	EU	Mapping Deep(ly) Narratives: towards a visual atlas of Jewish memories and identities across the Mediterranean and beyond. A gendered, compared perspective (MapDeepNarr)	Emanuela Trevisan	36 mesi	€ 200.000,00	non finanziato
29	2016	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - EF	EU	The Historical Roots of the European Perception of the Oriental (RepKnow)	Maria Pia Pedani	24 mesi	€ 200.000,00	non finanziato
30	2016	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - EF	EU	Ottoman-Venetian. A comparison of Ottoman and Venetian State Ideologies in the Chronicles and Narrative Sources, 1480-1540 (Ottoman-Venetian)	Maria Pia Pedani	24 mesi	€ 200.000,00	non finanziato
31	2016	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - EF	EU	West Meets East in Venice: Cross-Cultural Interactions and reciprocal influences between the Safavids and Venetians (SAFVEN)	Maria Pia Pedani	24 mesi	€ 200.000,00	non finanziato
32	2016	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - EF	EU	Neolithic salting and foddering activities in southern Carpathians (6000-3500 bc). Methods for settlement pattern and land use research (Neo-SAL)	Paolo Biagi	36 mesi	€ 200.000,00	non finanziato
33	2016	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - GF	EU	From painted myths and rituals to Contemporary Art. The "art of the Representation" in the current debate concerning the social positioning and identities of the indigenous people of India	Stefano Beggiora	36 mesi	€ 200.000,00	non finanziato
34	2016	H2020 - ERC StG	EU	Toward a Comparative Political Economy of Labour Market in the Arab Region: Free-Market Reforms, War and Labour Collective Action (since the 1970s up to now)	Maria Cristina Pacifello	48 mesi	€ 1.188.804,61	non finanziato
35	2015	Istituto	INTERNAZ	King Sejong institute 2017	Vincenza D'Urso	12 mesi	€ 22.485,35	finanziato
36	2015	Erasmus + Key Action 2 Cooperation and Exchange of Good Practices: Strategic Partnership in Higher Education	EU	Corpus-based online Turkish vocabulary profile project - TÜRKÖZ	Matthias Kappler	24 mesi	€ 269.338,00	non finanziato
37	2015	HERA JRP - Uses of the Past 2015	EU	"Conjuring the Past: Cultural Diversity, Invisible Histories, and Geographicalities across South Asia (COPA)	Stefano Pellò	36 mesi	€ 232.800,00	non finanziato
38	2015	EuropeAid - Programma: Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities (CSO-LA) in China	EU	Inclusive Policy Making for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development in Western China (InPoSED)	Daniele Brombal	24 mesi	€ 1.085.000,00	non finanziato
39	2015	Horizon 2020 - Excellent Science European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant	EU	Interdisciplinary research into Late Neolithic Cultural Connections and Exchange Networks in S-E Carpathian Basin	Elisabetta Starnini	60 mesi	€ 2.000.000,00	non finanziato
40	2015	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - EF	EU	Fifteenth-Century Political Relations between the Ottoman State and Venice	Maria Pia Pedani	24 mesi	€ 168.277,20	non finanziato
41	2015	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - EF	EU	Reader, Author, Scholar in a Context of Information Overflow. How to master/manage knowledge when there is too much to know? - RASCIO	Antonella Ghersetti	24 mesi	€ 180.277,20	non finanziato
42	2015	H2020 - Excellent Science MSCA - EF	EU	An Exploration of Chinese Corporate Globalization in Crisis-ridden Europe. The case of Huawei - ECCE HUAWEI"	Laura De Giorgi	24 mesi	€ 168.277,20	non finanziato
43	2015	Creative Europe Cooperation Projects	EU	Conflict Transformation through Cultural Heritage and Time Travelling - CONATT	Maria Pia Pedani	24 mesi	€ 415.000,00	non finanziato

Communication of research

DSAAM has actively promoted faculty's participation to the National Research Day organized by the University Ca' Foscari, and the rate of participation has been good. Moreover, it has encouraged faculty to take part to the training activities connected to the evaluation and communication of research organized by the University.

In 2016 the DSAAM website has been enriched by a new section [Vetrina della Ricerca](#) (Research showcase), in order to give more visibility to the research activities and achievement of the DSAAM faculty. The website is regularly updated with information about research projects, scientific publications, and DSAAM participation and/or organization of international events related to research.

Section D – Other incentives

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Indicare menzioni, premi alla ricerca, altre forme di incentivazione e premialità per attività di ricerca non incluse nelle sezioni precedenti.

Although from 2015 to 2017 DSAAM has not provided any kind of incentives for research besides the ones listed above, faculty members have been eligible for incentives and awards promoted by the University. Nevertheless, the Excellence Project contemplates specific financial incentives from 2018 to 2022.

Section E – Internationalization actions

Linee guida per la compilazione

Indicare eventuali regolamenti dipartimentali di assegnazione delle risorse per finanziamento/concessione di mobilità internazionale *inbound* and *outbound* (ad esempio mettendo un link al regolamento considerato), quali sono stati i risultati delle assegnazioni e i criteri di valutazione degli stessi.

The allocation of Departmental funds and the submission of application for funds to the University or external institutions for financing inbound positions and outgoing opportunities have been carried out in compliance with University rules. The criteria of selection of candidates and admission to the program (self-financed visiting scholars included) have been the following:

Incoming: Quality of scientific profile (applicant's CV and publications); congruity of the applicant's profile and expertise with the teaching and research strategy of the Department; prospects of future cooperation in research with Department faculty; length of stay and teaching and research program at DSAAM.

Outgoing: Congruity of the applicant's research program with the Department research strategy; quality of the host institution; prospects for development of Department research; impact in teaching and research.

Subsection E.1 – Incoming and outgoing scholars and professors

Istruzioni per la compilazione:

- *Visiting scholars Seminar activities*: il [Regolamento di Ateneo](#) prevede che i Visiting scholar, oltre all'attività di ricerca, possano tenere anche attività di tipo seminariale. In alternativa indicare "None";
- *Visiting professors Teaching activities*: Indicare gli insegnamenti tenuti dal Visiting professor, inclusi quelli di dottorato;
- *Funding Sources*: ad esempio: Department, Prin, H2020;
- *Outgoing professors/scholars Type of mobility / Type and duration of leave*: indicare ad es.: Sabbatical leave – 1yr, Dual appointment - permanent, Research leave – 3m (congedo per motivi di ricerca). Non riportare semplici missioni.

Visiting scholars

Period	01/06/2015-26/03/2016
Name	KOBAYASHI Mina
Home institution	Waseda University
Research area	L-OR/22
Seminar activities	none
Funding Sources	sending institution / Foreign Government Scholarship

Period	15/06/2015-15/06/2016
Name	YAGMUR Ömer
Home institution	University of Istanbul
Research area	L-OR/13
Seminar activities	none
Funding Sources	sending institution / Foreign Government Scholarship

Period	15/04/2015-09/03/2016
Name	TANAKA Shinichi
Home institution	Kobe University
Research area	L-OR/22
Seminar activities	New Steps in Japanese Studies (Zunōjuncan Project) (18/12/2015)
Funding Sources	sending institution / Foreign Government Scholarship

Period	15/04/2015-09/03/2016
Name	URANO Takeshi
Home institution	Kobe University
Research area	L-OR/22
Seminar activities	New Steps in Japanese Studies (Zunōjuncan Project) (18/12/2015)
Funding Sources	sending institution / Foreign Government Scholarship

Period	01/10/2014-30/09/2015
Name	XI Yazhe
Home institution	Hebei University
Research area	L-OR/23
Seminar activities	none
Funding Sources	sending institution / Foreign Government Scholarship

Period	22/04/2015-31/03/2016
Name	HORII Yutaka
Home institution	Doshisha University

Research area	L-OR/22
Seminar activities	none
Funding Sources	sending institution / Foreign Government Scholarship

Period	19/09/2015-08/12/2015
Name	WANG Xiaoyan
Home institution	Capital Normal University
Research area	CHIM/12
Seminar activities	02/12/2015 Environmental perception and residents' support to water and solid waste management initiatives. A case study from three rural villages in Beijing municipality, P.R.China Environmental management issues and tourism development in mountain areas of Beijing municipality, P.R.China
Funding Sources	DSAAM+DAIS

Period	07/05/2016-02/03/2017
Name	ICHISHIMA Noriko
Home institution	Akita University
Research area	L-OR/22
Seminar activities	19-21/09/2016 Japanese Language: from words to sentences - Workshop Zero
Funding Sources	sending institution / Foreign Government Scholarship

Period	01/08/2017-01/01/2019
Name	CATTONI Nadia
Home institution	Centre d'Etude de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud
Research area	L-OR/19
Seminar activities	Rīti as Courtly Poetry in Brajbhasha. An Introduction (01/03/2018) The rīti poet Dev's Rasavilāsa. Cross-cultural perspectives on the literary figure of the nāyikā (13/03/2018)
Funding Sources	sending institution / Foreign Government Scholarship

Period	01/04/2017-31/03/2018
Name	UTSUMI Hirofumi
Home institution	Otemon Gakuin University
Research area	SPS/08
Seminar activities	Riflessioni nell'epoca della globalizzazione (11/12/2017)
Funding Sources	sending institution / Foreign Government Scholarship

Visiting professors

Period	05/04/2015-15/05/2015
Name	WANG Hui
Home institution	Tsinghua University
Scientific area	L-OR/20
Teaching activities	Storia della filosofia e delle religioni della Cina (LM2310)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	02/03/2015 -20/04/2015
Name	VIGNATO Giuseppe
Home institution	Peking University
Scientific area	L-OR/20

Teaching activities	Arti, architettura e spettacolo nella Cina classica (LM0090)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	24/02/2015-07/04/2015
Name	KITAZAWA Aki
Home institution	Keio University
Scientific area	IUS/02
Teaching activities	Diritto dell'Asia Orientale (Giappone) (LM0210)
Funding Sources	Japan Foundation

Period	02/02/2015-27/03/2015
Name	BERNDT Enno Jurgen
Home institution	Ritsumeikan University
Scientific area	SECS-P/01
Teaching activities	Economia politica (Giappone) (LM5140)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	02/03/2015-27/03/2015
Name	TAUBE Markus
Home institution	Universität Duisburg-Essen
Scientific area	SECS-P/01
Teaching activities	Economia politica (Cina) (LM5130)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	17/03/2015-28/05/2015
Name	Eltschinger Vincent
Home institution	Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia Austrian Academy of Sciences
Scientific area	L-OR/18
Teaching activities	Storia del Buddhismo (LT6070)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	01/08/2014-15/01/2015
Name	SHANKAR Jishnu
Home institution	University of Texas at Austin
Scientific area	L-OR/19
Teaching activities	Lingua hindi 2 mod.1 (LT0060) Letteratura hindi 3 (LT0090)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	31/03/2015-08/05/2015
Name	FOURNIÉ Michel
Home institution	INALCO
Scientific area	L-OR/21
Teaching activities	Lingua e cultura vietnamita
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	14/09/2015- 30/09/2016
Name	RAGAGNIN Elisabetta
Home institution	University of Cambridge
Scientific area	L-LIN/01 L-OR/14

Teaching activities	Temi della ricerca linguistica (LM2250) Linguistica comparata dell'area turco iranico (LT6030)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	07/09/2015-23/10/2015
Name	IMAMURA Kazuhiro
Home institution	Hitotsubashi University
Scientific area	L-OR/22
Teaching activities	Lingua giapponese 1 mod. 1 (LT004N)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	18/10/2015-10/12/2015
Name	FOURNIÉ Michel
Home institution	INALCO
Scientific area	L-OR/21
Teaching activities	Lingua e cultura vietnamita
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	23/03/2016-30/04/2016
Name	SERNESI Marta
Home institution	SOAS - University of London
Scientific area	L-OR/18
Teaching activities	Storia del Buddhismo (LT6070)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	04/04/2016-22/04/2016
Name	TAUBE Markus
Home institution	Universität Duisburg-Essen
Scientific area	SECS-P/01
Teaching activities	Economia politica (Cina) (LM5130)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	29/02/2016-31/03/2016
Name	COLOMBO Giorgio Fabio
Home institution	Nagoya University
Scientific area	IUS/02
Teaching activities	Diritto dell'Asia Orientale (Giappone) (LM0210)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	01/02/2016-31/03/2016
Name	BERNDT Enno Jurgen
Home institution	Ritsumeikan University
Scientific area	SECS-P/01
Teaching activities	Economia politica (Giappone) (LM5140)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	10/01/2017-31/03/2017
Name	BERNINI Stefania
Home institution	University of New South Wales
Scientific area	SPS/10
Teaching activities	Intercultural Mediation (LM8V10-1) Cooperation, Sustainable Development and Tourism (LM8V10-2)
Funding Sources	Erasmus + Joint Master Degree project "MIM"

Period	17/02/2017- 30/09/2017
Name	RAGAGNIN Elisabetta
Home institution	Freie Universität Berlin
Scientific area	L-LIN/01 L-OR/14
Teaching activities	Temi della ricerca linguistica (LM2250) Linguistica comparata dell'area turco iranico (LT6030)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	20/02/2017-25/03/2017
Name	YANG Nianqun
Home institution	Renmin University of China
Scientific area	L-OR/20
Teaching activities	Storia della filosofia e delle religioni della Cina
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	01/02/2017-31/03/2017
Name	BERNDT Enno Jurgen
Home institution	Ritsumeikan University
Scientific area	SECS-P/01
Teaching activities	Economia politica (Giappone)
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Period	01/02/2017-30/04/2017
Name	Coulmas Florian
Home institution	Universität Duisburg-Essen
Scientific area	L-OR/22
Teaching activities	Lingua Giapponese 1 Mod. 2
Funding Sources	Funds from the Department and from Ca' Foscari University

Outgoing scholars and professors

Name	Daniela Meneghini
Scientific area	Persian language and literature (L-OR/15)
Host institution	Ferdousi University – Mashhad - IRAN
Type and duration of mobility	4 months Fellowship – collaboration with the Centre of excellence on Shahname and Ferdousi studies

Name	Matthias Kappler
Scientific area	Turkish Studies (L-OR/13)
Host institution	University of Cyprus, Nicosia
Type and duration of mobility	Visiting Professor 07.09.-24.12.2015 (4 months) 25.01.-22.05.2017 (4 months)

Name	Tarocco Francesca
Scientific area	L-OR/21
Host institution	New York University Shanghai
Type and duration of mobility	Visiting Professor in Buddhist Cultures funded by NYU Shanghai 4 months

Researchers on sabbatical or research leave with no mobility

Name	Piero Capelli
Scientific area	SH2_4 – SH5_4 – SH6_10 – SH6_1
Type and duration of leave	Bi-national Scholarship for Scientific Cooperation between Italy and Israel funded by the Israeli Council for Higher Education, 2016-2017 – Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheva (Israel); March-May 2017

Name	Nicoletta Pesaro
Scientific area	Chinese Language and Literature (SSD L-OR/21)
Type and duration of leave	Sabbatical Leave January-December 2015

Name	Elena Pollacchi
Scientific area	Chinese Language and Literature (SSD L-OR/21)
Type and duration of leave	Sabbatical Leave January-December 2015

Name	Bonaventura Ruperti
Scientific area	Japanese and Korean Language and Literature L-OR/22
Type and duration of leave	Visiting Research Scholars at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken), Coordinator of the Japanese project “The body in the Japanese Performing Arts: Death and Life, puppets and artificial bodies” at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken, Kyôto, Japan) http://research.nichibun.ac.jp/ja/researcher/staff/s394/index.html Sabbatical Leave September 2015-August 2016

Subsection E.2 – Other actions or internationalization incentives

PART IV: Assessment

Section A – External evaluation of Research activity

Subsection A.1 - Assessment board

Assessment board evaluation (Nucleo di Valutazione)

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Riportare giudizio del Nucleo di Valutazione. Indicare i verbali o le relazioni del Nucleo di Valutazione dove sono formulati i giudizi.

[Assessment board evaluation 2015](#): p. 28 "The Board has decide not to express any assessment on the Department Research".

Assessment board evaluation's comments about the Department self-evaluation (November 18, 2017): p. 2 "Point of attention: R4.B.2 - Research evaluation of results and improvement interventions":

"We take notice that the performance of the Research Department is good both in terms of the results of the VQR and in terms of departments of excellence. The Department observes how the situation is not always homogeneous, as in some fields the burden of teaching is heavy and risks to subtract time from research. It is suggested to monitor faculty members who have a low level of scientific productivity, considering the prospects of the next VQR (Research Quality Assessment), in light of the current activities of the Research Committee."

Review of the Department policies in the light of the Assessment board evaluation

Linee guida per la compilazione

Riflessione auto-valutativa del Dipartimento in relazione al giudizio del Nucleo di Valutazione. Indicare azioni intraprese e indicare i verbali o altri documenti del Dipartimento dove vengono decise le azioni di miglioramento.

Considering the suggestions of the Assessment Board in 2017, the main actions aimed at solving the critical points emphasized by the Assessment Board have been planned according to two lines of intervention:

- a) Orienting the hiring strategy of the Department in order to increase the number of faculty staff in the disciplines and areas where the teaching number due to the high numbers of students is higher and in order to better distribute the administrative duties among the faculty members (Ref. Department Development Plan - updating 2019-20 and [Project for Excellence](#))
- b) Strengthening the exchange and research cooperation among the faculty members and the information about the research opportunities in order to support faculty members' research projects and publication.

Section B – Self-evaluation of Research activity

Subsection B.1 - Indicators

Linee guida per la compilazione

Riportare eventuali indicatori (e i loro valori) che vengono utilizzati in fase di autovalutazione differenti da quelli già presentati nella Parte II. Ad esempio, gli indicatori considerati nei piani di sviluppo triennali dei dipartimenti, rapporti quali:

- Numero pubblicazioni ISSN-ISBN / Numero Docenti;
- Numero di Working Papers presentati in ciascun anno / Numero di Working Papers pubblicati su rivista in ciascun anno;
- Fondi Europei complessivi / Numero Docenti;
- Numero assegni di Ricerca / Numero Docenti;
- Numero dottorandi / Numero Docenti;

oppure, criteri specifici (anche qualitativi) di valutazione

In the period considered non specific indicators of research performance have been adopted besides the indicators chosen in the Department Development Plan 2016-2018 and reported in Section II.

Subsection B.2 – Review of the Departmental Research activity (analysis of results) and improvement actions

Linee guida per la compilazione

La riflessione auto-valutativa del Dipartimento va posta in relazione a quanto riportato nelle Parti I, II e III della presente relazione. È opportuno specificare le criticità ma anche i punti di forza o semplicemente gli aspetti su cui non si ritiene di dovere intervenire in modo specifico perché, ad esempio, i risultati raggiunti sono già in linea con le linee di sviluppo del Dipartimento.

La riflessione dovrebbe comprendere un'analisi dell'andamento degli indicatori della Parte II negli ultimi (almeno) tre anni e del livello di raggiungimento degli obiettivi triennali del Dipartimento.

Summary:

During the three years under consideration, DSAAM's research performance has been consistently of a very high standard, especially in terms of scientific output, collaboration with international researchers (as visiting professors and scholars or as PI of ERC and MCSA fellows), and outgoing scholars and researchers. This is in spite of the decrease of available Departmental funds.

The number of applications for research projects at national and international level has increased, though the rate of approval remains low. This said, because of the high teaching and administrative workload, DSAAM faculty is somewhat restricted in its current ability to apply for funding.

The most critical point remains the decreasing availability of Departmental funds to be destined to support faculty's research activities and to invest in research positions and eventually research infrastructure (books and bibliographic resources). It is expected that the financial support to research activities thanks to the Excellent Department's grant from 2018 to 2022 can help to overcome some of these difficulties. However, the dependency from external funds represents a risk for future development if adequate policies to support faculty's research and project

capabilities are not implemented, not only in terms of financial support, but also of reduction of administrative duties and a more balanced distribution of the teaching burden among the faculty members, bureaucratic simplification, increase of technical staff and research resources at Department level.

In detail:

Strengths:

- The scientific production has been good, and DSAAM research impact at national and international level has increased significantly. As indicators show, the number of products (and especially articles) indexed in internationally and nationally recognized excellent database has almost doubled from 2015 to 2017 (see Section II). Departmental policies aimed at rewarding this kind of publications to allocate individual funds (ADiR) were important to this end but maybe they are not the main reason behind this trend, as pressure to produce excellent publications has become high on faculty, and especially young researchers, due to career needs. Apparently the lower availability of individual funds for research has not influenced research productivity of the Department faculty on the whole, though it can be significant for individual cases.
- The faculty's capacity to submit research proposals for competitive calls has also increased. University and Department policies to inform about national and international calls and offer training opportunities in research project design, together with the technical support offered by administrative staff, has certainly contributed to this outcome. However, the rate of success, though improving through time, is still low (see comments on section II C), something that may discourage applicants in the future.
- DSAAM's ability to attract research talents (ERC and MSCA) is good, and the DDP's target has been achieved (see specific indicator section I). The number of visiting professors and scholars has been significant in the three years considered. It is worth noting that besides the positions financed with Departmental and University funds, several visiting scholars coming from important academic institutions (especially from Asian countries, 10 out of 31, especially from Japan) have been self-financed, as an evidence of the capacity of attraction of DSAAM as a research destination for international scholars.

Critical points:

- The main critical point is the evident decrease of funds available to research, due to the increasing costs to support teaching in some areas of study (see Assessment Board Evaluation Report 2017). This decrease can jeopardize the Department's capacity to invest autonomously in new positions of research (as Research Grant Holders) and co-finance research projects, academic events and scientific exchange (e.g. positions of visiting scholars). With time, this decrease could have a significant impact on the development of the disciplinary fields that attract lower interest from national and international funding institutions, in spite of their importance in the academic field and their core role in the Department's international standing.
- External funds, especially coming from institutions as Confucius Institute and King Sejong Institute, but also foundations as Korea Foundation and Japan Foundation, and donation as

from Bonebakker or Mitsubishi Corporation, have been strategic in supporting the research activity (with special reference to the organization of academic symposiums and meeting, and the scientific exchange, as inbound mobility and scholarships for PhD student and young researchers, including a prize to the best PhD thesis (e.g. Bonebakker)). This is an evidence of the DSAAM capacity to attract the support of international organizations, but it is also a sign of a increasing dependency from external sources, that could also mean a greater vulnerability to unforeseen changes of policies of these institutions.

- The teaching and administrative workload risks to limit the time and resources for research for a part of the faculty actively engaged in these tasks due to the high numbers of students in some disciplines. Hiring policies have only partially solved this problem. The major risks connected to the low rate in scientific productivity of some members of the staff (usually those most intensively involved in teaching and administrative tasks) are the difficulty to maintain the excellent achievement obtained by the Department in the last National Research Assessment (VQR 2011-2014) in the long run. The allocation of individual funds according the scientific productivity in the three years can partially aggravate the situation, as scholars with low productivity during that period can suffer from the lack of funds necessary to pursue their research plans in the following years. The Department has not implemented any systematic analysis on the use of research funds at individual level, in order to understand which are the main costs for research supported by faculty members. The Research Committee has planned initiatives to strengthen the academic cooperation and scientific exchange among the faculty's members in order to support the research activities of all of them.
- Faculty's outgoing mobility (for long periods) is not high, as only few scholars spent long periods of research abroad, hosted in international institutions. The reasons can be individuated in the insufficient financial support available to faculty's members to this end, but also to teaching obligations and administrative and managerial tasks, which require long periods of presence at Ca' Foscari, especially because of the difficulty to guarantee an adequate substitution in teaching.
- The increasing rate of faculty's participation in competitive research calls notwithstanding, the rate of success is somewhat unsatisfactory, though slowly improving. Though it can be true that there is room for improvement as we expect that the capacity and experience of the faculty in this realm will increase in time, one reason for this can be identified in the relative marginality of the core research tradition of DSAAM in the research policies at EU and national level, especially as it concerns Humanities (often still Western-centred). A different strategy, aimed at maximizing the opportunities for funding research from international institutions in other countries (i.e. Asian countries) can help to remedy to this problem, but it needs a systematic support.
- According to the indicator chosen by the University (participation of faculty to the project Research for Global Challenges) DSAAM shows a low rate of interdisciplinary research. Actually the goal set in the DDP has not been achieved (see section I) and had to be reformulated in the follow-up of the Plan (2018-2020). In analysing this critical point, the Department has emphasized that the features of research at DSAAM are only partially apt to the overall strategies of the Plan (see the Department assessment of the DDP, June

2018). However, the strategy towards an enhancement of interdisciplinary research, has been outlined in the Excellence Project.