CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Selection of 58 students for the International Summer Schools 2018

CA’ FOSCARI – HARVARD SUMMER SCHOOL, 14th EDITION
CA’ FOSCARI COLUMBIA SUMMER PROGRAMME, 6th EDITION

Art. 1 – Presentation
1. Ca’ Foscari University of Venice has established International Summer Schools in collaboration with Harvard University and Columbia University of New York so as to offer its students English-taught courses of excellence which allow for credit recognition. Selected students can use the credits they obtain through the Ca’ Foscari – Harvard Summer School and the Ca’ Foscari Columbia Summer Programme:

   a) to complete their studies at Ca’ Foscari University through recognition of the credits acquired during the International Summer Schools;
   b) to access postgraduate studies at Harvard University or at Columbia University of New York, or at any other tertiary education institution;
   c) to develop and enrich their curriculum vitae in preparation for entering the workforce.

Art. 2 – Ca’ Foscari – Harvard Summer School: courses, structure and credit recognition
1. A total of 100 students will be accepted for the Ca’ Foscari – Harvard Summer School (CFHSS) in 2018, of which 50 from Ca’ Foscari and 50 from Harvard.

2. Courses are taught by instructors from both Harvard and Ca’ Foscari Universities in the areas of economics, environmental science and the humanities, and are held in English (the official language of the programme).

3. Students attending the CFHSS can participate in supplementary extra-curricular activities such as creative workshops, guided visits, sporting and recreational activities, which will be published online before the programme begins.

4. In 2018 the CFHSS will hold the following courses:

ECONOMICS

   o Redeeming Keynes
     Steven A. Marglin – Walter S. Barker Professor of Economics, Harvard University

   o Labor Market Discrimination
     Matija Kovacic – Lecturer of Economics, Ca’ Foscari University

   o International Business Law
     Fabrizio Marrella – Professor of International Law and of European Union Law, Ca’ Foscari University

MATHEMATICS

   o Math 1B
     Robin Gottlieb – Professor of Mathematics, Harvard University

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

   o The Earth’s Climate: past, present and future
     Carlo Barbante – Professor of Analytical Chemistry, Ca’ Foscari University
HUMANITIES

- **Nature**
  
  *Joyce Chaplin – Professor of Early American History, Harvard University*

- **American Literary Expatriates in Europe**
  
  *Glenda Carpio – Professor of English and of African and American Studies, Harvard University*

- **The Ethics of Identity**
  
  *Jay Harris – Harry Austryn Wolfson Professor of Jewish Studies, Harvard University*

- **Shakespeare’s Venice: Jews, Blacks, Muslims and Christians at the Origin of the Modern World**
  
  *Shaul Bassi – Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, Ca’ Foscari University*

- **Venice and the Classical Past**
  
  *Lorenzo Calvelli – Tenured lecturer in Ancient History, Ca’ Foscari University*

- **Venetian Art and the Bible**
  
  *Gordon Teskey – Professor of English, Harvard University*

- **Public and Private in Venice: in the Renaissance and Beyond**
  
  *Martina Frank – Professor of Art History, Ca’ Foscari University*

  & *Myriam Pilutti Namer – Lecturer in Archaeology and Art History, Ca’ Foscari University*

5. *Tutorial sections (“sections”) are held by graduate students so as to assist and support the students in their studies.*

6. The programme runs for 8 weeks, from June 18th until August 9th. Classes are held at Polo Didattico di San Basilio.

7. All courses except for Math 1B (see 2.8 below) run for a total of 30 hours plus sections (see art. 2.5). *Attendance is mandatory.* If a student is unable to attend any of the sessions (classes, sections, field trips), the course instructor, the course tutor and the CFHSS office must all be notified, and valid motivation must be provided. All courses will assign a percentage of the total grade to participation and any unjustified absence will affect the student’s final grade. Please note that only in exceptional circumstances will a student be given permission to attend their classes via Skype.

8. Math 1B runs for a total of 50 hours plus section (see art. 2.5), plus exams.

9. Students are expected to meet the prerequisites for each course as listed on the programme website, and to take them into consideration when selecting their courses. A brief refresh course, “An Introduction to Trigonometry for Math 1B” can be offered to Ca’ Foscari students who wish to enrol in Math 1B. This course will be held at no additional cost to students whose applications are successful if it is deemed useful or necessary by the program Director.

10. The programme is structured as follows:

   a. during the first week (from June 18th – 21st) students can take part in non-mandatory extra-curricular activities. To enrol in these activities students will need to fill in a request form which will be available on the website at a later date;
b. A mandatory orientation session will be held June 18th, during which all students will receive a general introduction to the programme, and information on its contents;
c. lessons for Math 1B start on June 18th and go through until August 8th (8 weeks);
d. teaching for all other courses takes place from June 25th until August 2nd (6 weeks): 5 weeks of lessons and 1 week of assessment;
e. during the final week (August 6th – 9th) students will have the chance to participate in extra-curricular activities and in the closing events.

11. Students enrol in two courses and must indicate a total of four courses they are interested in, ranked in order of preference. It is not always possible to assign the first two preferences to every student. Requests to take one course only are not automatically accepted, must be approved by the Selection Committee and typically result in lower admission rates. Students who take one course only are not eligible for fee waivers (see art. 7.3).

12. Upon successful completion of each course, students will obtain 6 credits (CFU) per course in accordance with the indications provided by the Head of Studies for their respective degree programmes (“Collegio Didattico”). Credits are registered in the student’s study plan at Ca’ Foscari University, and at the Harvard Summer School. For credit recognition, students **must read the relevant section of the webpage thoroughly** (“Applications” -- Credit Recognition).

13. Students applying for Math 1B can request to take Math 1B only, and may receive 12 credits (CFU), pending approval by the Head of Studies.

14. Credit recognition at Ca’ Foscari University is mandatory (see also art. 4.6).

15. The CFHSS Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel any course which does not reach the minimum number of course enrolments.

16. Students who have attended previous editions of the CFHSS cannot repeat the same courses.

17. For all further information on courses, schedule, extra-curricular activities and credit recognition students can visit the CFHSS website: www.unive.it/cafoscari-harvard.

18. An information session will be held on **March 27th, 2pm**, Sala Berengo.

**Art. 3 – Ca’ Foscari Columbia Summer Programme: courses, structure and credit recognition**

1. A total of 38 students will be accepted for the *Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme* (CSP) in 2018, of which 8 from Ca’ Foscari and 30 from Columbia.

2. The courses are taught by instructors from Columbia University of New York in the area of humanities and are held in English.

3. Students attending the CSP can participate in a range of non-mandatory supplementary extra-curricular activities which will be organised weekly.

4. In 2018 the CSP will hold the following courses:
   - **Art in Venice**
     Caroline Wamsler – University lecturer in Italian Renaissance Art, Columbia University
   - **Venice and Modernity: screening La Serenissima**
     Elizabeth Leake – Professor of Italian Studies, Columbia University
   - **Mediterranean Venice: Living and Losing a Maritime Empire**
     Konstantina Zanou – Assistant Professor of Italian, Columbia University
   - **Portraiture in Renaissance Venice**
Diane Bodart – Assistant Professor of Southern Renaissance and Baroque Art, Columbia University

- **Introduction to the Conservation of Venice’s Built Heritage**
  Mieke van Molle – Lecturer, Columbia Summer Programme

- **Technology in Art and Visual Communications**
  Johanna Fassl – Associate Professor of Art History, Franklin University

5. The programme runs for 6 weeks, from June 8th until July 20th. Classes are held at Polo Didattico di San Basilio.

6. A mandatory orientation session will be held on June 8th, during which all students will receive a general introduction to the programme, and information on its contents. Classes start on June 11th.

7. Each course runs for a total of 42 contact hours. **Attendance is mandatory.** If a student is unable to attend any of the sessions (classes, tutorials, field trips), the course instructor and the International Summer Schools office must be notified, and valid motivation must be provided.

8. Students can enrol in one or two courses (but see art. 7.3), indicating their preferences and one other option: students taking one course will provide two course preferences; students taking two courses will provide three course preferences. It is not always possible to assign the first preferences to every student.

9. Upon successful completion of each course, students will obtain 6 credits (CFU) in accordance with the indications provided by the Head of Studies for their respective degree programme (“Collegio didattico”).

10. If a course does not reach the minimum number of course enrolments Columbia University reserves the right to cancel it.

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12. Students who have attended previous editions of the CSP cannot repeat the same courses.

13. For all information on courses, schedule and credit recognition students can visit the CSP website: www.unive.it/cafoscari-columbia.

14. An information session will be held on **March 19th**, 3pm, Aula 23 at San Sebastiano.

**Art. 4 – Admission Requirements**

1. To apply for the CFHSS and the CSP, students must have regularly enrolled at Ca’ Foscari for the 2017/2018 academic year in the first, second or third year of an undergraduate degree (Bachelor’s / “Corso di Laurea”) or in the first or second year of a graduate degree (Master’s / “Magistrale”) by January 31st, 2018 (but see below, 3.5).

2. Applicants must have a good working knowledge of English (a solid B2 is expected). Students are not required to produce certification but must be able to interact with their peers and instructors. All applicants are required to sit and pass an assessment of their English language skills in the form of an interview at the School for International Education.

3. The following minimum requirements for selection apply:
   a. students in their first year of an undergraduate degree (“corso di laurea”) must have obtained 85/100 in the Italian high school finishing exam, “esame di stato”, or the
equivalent in a University entrance qualification obtained outside of Italy, as stated on the student’s “dichiarazione di valore” and converted into the Italian evaluation system;
b. students in their second or third year of an undergraduate degree (“corso di laurea”) must have an arithmetic average (GPA) of no less than 26/30 and must have accumulated a minimum of 40 CFU during their first year (second year students) or 90 CFU by their second year (third year students); the relevant exams must have been registered by September 30th, 2017;  
c. students enrolled in their first year of a graduate degree (“magistrale”) and who completed their undergraduate degree in the subject areas of economics, management, science or mathematics must have obtained a minimum of 100/110 in their Italian undergraduate degree, or the equivalent in an undergraduate educational qualification obtained outside of Italy, as stated on the student’s “dichiarazione di valore” and converted into the Italian evaluation system;  
d. students enrolled in their first year of a graduate degree (“magistrale”) and who completed their undergraduate degree in the subject areas of humanities, political science, languages, culture or linguistics must have obtained a minimum of 105/110 in their Italian undergraduate degree, or the equivalent in an undergraduate educational qualification obtained outside of Italy, as stated on the student’s “dichiarazione di valore” and converted into the Italian evaluation system;  
e. Students enrolled in their second year of a graduate degree (“magistrale”) must have an arithmetic average (GPA) of no less than 28/30.

4. Students who do not have the minimum requirements may apply nonetheless, but their applications will only be considered for admission if there are places available after all students on the waitlist have been contacted. Approval for admission is at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

5. Students who have not completed their studies within the regular period of time specified for their degree programme (i.e., are considered “fuori corso”) are not eligible for selection.

6. Students who are graduating in the 2017/2018 summer session are not eligible for selection for the CFHSS but may regularly apply for the CSP.

7. Exchange students are not eligible for selection.

8. Students who have attended previous editions of the CFHSS or of the CSP are eligible to apply a second time (but see 6.1.b). Students cannot participate in more than two editions of the same programme.

Art. 5 –Applications

1. All applicants must fill out the application form available online (www.unive.it/cfsie).

2. Applicants must include the following documents in their application:
   a. curriculum vitae in English in Europass format (http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae);
   b. passport photo (it can be included directly in the curriculum vitae, but must then be printed in colour and the photo must be visible).
3. Applications can be handed in:
   a. directly to the International Summer Schools office (Ca’ Foscari School for International Education - San Sebastiano, Dorsoduro 1686, room number 118) from Monday to Thursday between 10am and 1pm;
   b. by fax 041 2347375
   c. by post with tracking (Courier or “Raccomandata”) to Ca’ Foscari School for International Education - San Sebastiano, Dorsoduro 1686. On the envelope students must write CFHSS Application”;
   d. by certified electronic post “PEC” (Posta Elettronica Certificata) to cfsie@pec.unive.it provided the application is sent from another PEC email address.

5. Applications may be rejected for any of the following reasons:
   a. received after the deadline;
   b. incomplete or incorrect;
   c. incorrect application form;
   d. missing documents;
   e. false information;
   f. sent by standard email.

6. The application deadline is **Wednesday April 4th 2018**.

**Art. 6 – Selection and overall ranking**

1. The selection process for both programmes will be carried out by a Selection Committee, to be nominated by the President of the School for International Education. Students will be ranked according to the following criteria:

   a. the overall score will be based on:
      - 40% academic performance as per the students’ i) high school finishing exam, ii) arithmetic average (GPA), or iii) undergraduate degree (depending on which year the student is currently enrolled in, see art. 4.3);
      - 60% oral assessment of English language skills. Students will pass the assessment with a minimum grade of 40/60. The interviews are expected to take place on April 9th and 10th. Interview times will be made available on the respective websites following the deadline for applications.
   b. should two or more students attain an equal placing in the ranking, precedence will be given (in this order) to:
      i) students enrolling in Math 1B (CFHSS applicants only)
      ii) students enrolled in an undergraduate degree “corso di laurea”;
      iii) students enrolled at the International College;
      iv) students applying for the first time.
   c. should the above criteria (6.1.b) not result in differentiating tied candidates, the younger student will be given precedence.

2. The rankings will be available on the respective websites within 7 days of the end of the selection process (www.unive.it/cafoscari-harvard & www.unive.it/cafoscari-columbia).

3. Students who are ranked within the number of places reserved for each programme will be admitted on condition they accept their place within the specified time frame (see art. 8). The number of places reserved for each programme may be increased if the number of applications
received greatly exceeds the number of places available. All places will be confirmed by the end of April, 2018.

4. Students who are ranked lower than the number of places reserved for each programme, but who have met admission requirements, will be placed on a waitlist. Students on the waitlist will be contacted following the final admission deadline (see art. 8) should a place come available.

Art. 7 – Fee waiver
1. There are fee waivers available for the 10 highest ranking students selected for the Ca’ Foscari –Harvard Summer School who have also filed an ISEE declaration to Ca’ Foscari University for the 2017/2018 academic year. In particular:

   a. 5 fee waivers for both courses (€338.00) will be awarded to the 5 highest ranking students;
   b. 5 fee waivers one course (€169) will be awarded to the next 5 highest ranking students.

2. There are fee waivers for one course (€169) available for the 2 highest ranking students selected for the Ca’ Foscari Columbia Summer Programme who have also filed an ISEE declaration to Ca’ Foscari University for the 2017/2018 academic year.

3. Students who are enrolling in one course only, or who have filed an ISEE declaration exceeding €39,999.99, are not eligible for a fee waiver.

4. Students receiving a fee waiver who withdraw from either programme (see art. 9.7) are required to repay the cost of the fee waiver within 14 days of officially withdrawing and in any case no later than the final date of the programme.

Art. 8 – Final admission and payment
1. Students who have been selected for the either programme must confirm their place within 14 days following the publication of the overall rankings. Students must:

   a. fill out the online acceptance form (which will be made available together with the ranking);
   b. send receipt of payment (see art. 9.1) – € 169.00 per course and €50.00 application fee – to the International Summer Schools office by email, or take it to the office in person.

2. Should a student not confirm their place by the specified deadline, students on the waitlist will be contacted.

Art. 9 – General indications
1. All payments are to be made to:

   Account name: Ca’ Foscari School for International Education
   Bank name: Banca Popolare Friuladria
   Bank address: San Marco 4121 Salizada San Luca, 30124 Venezia
   IBAN: IT 96 U 05336 02020 000046603825
   Swift: BPPNIT2P326
   Reference:
   LAST NAME and NAME of the student – Enrolment CFHSS 2018 OR
   – Enrolment Columbia 2018
2. Students enrolling in the CFHSS will be required to enrol at the Harvard Summer School also. In doing so, they will receive a PIN through which they can access the electronic resources at Harvard University.

3. Course credit for both programmes will be added to the students’ online record book following successful completion of evaluation. Students may also receive bonus points towards their final grade upon graduation in compliance with current University regulation.

4. Students admitted to either programme are required to submit a request for credit recognition to the International Summer Schools office. The credit recognition form will be made available on the respective website. **Students must read the relevant section of the webpage thoroughly** (“Applications” -- Credit Recognition) to ascertain the guidelines for credit recognition issued by each Department.

5. Final grades for the CFHSS will be accessed exclusively through the PIN provided by the Harvard Summer School (see above, 9.2). Students cannot refuse their grade.

6. Students can request course changes during the first week of classes.

7. Students wishing to withdraw from their course(s) must withdraw officially. Withdrawal information will be available at a later date. Refunds are not provided under any circumstances. See also art. 7.4.

8. For further information: summerschool.international@unive.it / cafoscariharvard@unive.it / 041 234 7086 / San Sebastiano, Dorsoduro 1686, room number 118

**Art. 10 – Data protection and access**

1. Personal information must be provided by candidates when requested (Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003).

2. In compliance with current legislation (Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003), personal information will be processed on paper or in electronic form, and will only be shared with external parties where strictly necessary for carrying out institutional activities.

3. Candidates shall be guaranteed access to the records concerned, in accordance with Italian Law (241/1990) and subsequent amendments.