







MILAN INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL of POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

"POLITICAL COMMUNICATION in the DIGITAL INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT" Milan, 11-16 July 2022

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Milan (Italy) and the Political Communication Division of the International Communication Association (ICA) seeks applications for its coorganized 7th edition of the International Summer School in Political Communication that will be held **11-16 July 2022** in Milan.

The "Milan Summer School" addresses theoretical and empirical questions at the intersection of political communication and political sociology, with a special focus on the relationship between political communication, media coverage, and political participation and democracy. This year's theme is: "Political Communication in the Digital Information Environment." Lecturers will deal with the sub-themes of political implications of the pandemic, disinformation and journalism, artificial intelligence, bots and social media platforms, digital citizenship.

The Faculty gathers internationally renowned academics to engage with students. Confirmed in-person speakers include **Patricia Moy** (University of Washington), **Claes de Vreese** (University of Amsterdam), **Sophie Lecheler** (University of Vienna), **Chris Anderson** (University of Leeds), **Regina Lawrence** (University of Oregon), **Frank Esser** (University of Zurich), **Young Mie Kim** (University of Wisconsin), **Ulrike Klinger** (European University Viadrina Frankfurt), **Cristian Vaccari** (University of Loughborough), **Peter Van Aelst** (University of Antwerp), **Phil Howard** (University of Oxford).

Participants of the previous editions have come from around the globe: USA, Canada, Colombia, Brazil, UK, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Latvia, Russia, Poland, Germany, The Netherlands, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Serbia, Turkey, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, among others.

Building on the experience of the last 15 years, the 2022 Summer School offers a unique opportunity for 30 PhD candidates and early career academics in communication, sociology, psychology and political science:

- 1) to attend an intensive, six-day program that consists of lectures, master classes, paper presentations and mentoring sessions, and
- 2) to build long-lasting personal and scholarly relations in a celebrated friendly and productive environment.

Participation will be on a competitive basis. Candidates interested in applying to the Milan Summer School should submit a 3-page research proposal or an extended abstract of a research paper on issues broadly related to political communication. Submissions should include the name, email address, institutional affiliation, a brief bio (max. 200 words) mentioning main research interests and ongoing projects, and a recommendation letter. An international selection committee will review the applications.

Application deadline: 4 April
Notification of acceptance: 9 May
Registration deadline: 24 May

Enrollment fee: € 750 (covers accommodation, lunches, welcome and farewell dinners). A number of travel grants are available. See how to apply here.

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