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**Object: Public selection based on qualifications and interview for the awarding of no. 4 Experienced grants for conducting research pursuant to art. 22 of law no. 240/2010 at the Departments at the University of Bergamo – Pica Code: 24AR040
Correction of Annex A procedure code 4**

THE CHANCELLOR

HAVING REGARD to the Statute of the University of Bergamo;
GIVEN Law 30 December 2010 n. 24, in particular art. 22;
CONSIDERING your DR rep. n. 1169/2024 of 10.30.2024 with which the public selection based on qualifications and interview was announced for the awarding of n. 4 Experienced grants for carrying out research activities, pursuant to art. 22 of law no. 240/2010, at various Departments of the University of Bergamo – Pica Code: 24AR040;
RECALLING the resolution of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures of 8 October 2024 and of the Board of Directors of 15 October 2024 which, for the research project identified by code 4 in Annex A of the notice, provided for a duration of the grant equal to at 12 months;
HAVING NOTED THAT, due to a mere clerical error, a duration of 24 months was indicated for the research project identified by code 4 in Annex A of the notice indicated above;
HAVING RECOGNIZED the need to proceed with the modification of Annex A indicating the duration of 12 months for the code 4 research project in order to align the contents of the announcement with what is foreseen in the resolution of the departmental structure and of the Board of Directors;

DECREES

Art. 1

In reference to the research grant, identified with the research project code 4 in the Rectoral Decree rep. n. 1169/2024 of 30 October 2024 announcing the public selection based on qualifications and interview for the awarding of n. 4 Experienced grants for carrying out research activities, pursuant to art. 22 of law no. 240/2010, at various Departments of the University of Bergamo – Pica Code: 24AR040, the duration is 12 months.

Art. 2

The statement of the grant identified with code 4 of the aforementioned selection, attached to this Decree, fully replaces the one inserted in DR 1169/2024 of 30 October 2024;

Art. 3

The current decree is available on the website of the University of Bergamo www.unibg.it under the specially devoted section “*Concorsi e selezioni-Assegni. Borse e contratti di ricerca-Assegni di ricerca*”

Bergamo, as per protocol registration

THE CHANCELLOR

(Prof. Sergio Cavalieri)

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ANNEX A

RESEARCH PROJECT - CODE 4

"Religion and political conservatism in contemporary Europe"

Research structure: Department of Foreign Languages. Literature and Cultures

Department resolution: 09.10.2024

Resolution of the Academic Senate: 14.10.2024

Resolution of the Board of Directors: 15.10.2024

Gross annual amount: € 25.000,00

Financial coverage:

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Duration of the grant: 12 months

Scientific area: 11 - History, Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology

Competition sector: 11/HIST-03 Contemporary History

Scientific disciplinary sector: HIST-03/A Contemporary History

Scientific director: Prof. Paolo Barcella

Entry requirement:

Dottorato di ricerca in Area CUN 11 - Scienze Storiche, Filosofiche, Pedagogiche e Psicologiche.

Knowledge of the language:

Italian and English.

Additional qualifications evaluated by the Commission:

- aptitude for scientific research related to contemporary history, proven by scientific publications on the subject;
- participation in conferences and seminars as speaker on topics of European and U.S. contemporary history;
- collaboration in the organization of conferences;
- scientific experience of international relevance.

Interview schedule:

The candidates will initially be asked to present their academic background. Then, the interview will focus on the history of European right-wing organizations, movements and parties, with particular attention to their components inspired by religious principles. The interview will be held in Italian.

Objective:

The research project is in line with ongoing research in this department, exploring the religious dimension inherent in movements and organizations that scholars have associated with the radical, populist or extreme right. The research will focus on political actors and organizations active in European countries, while acknowledging the importance that U.S. actors had and continue to have in this field. The research will not only look at the forces that have already gained visibility and prominent political roles, but also at smaller, less known activists and organizations which, nonetheless, contribute to this landscape with varying degrees of extremism and religious identity claims, in a Catholic or, more generally, Christian sense. It will be crucial to pay particular attention to how the Catholic church relates to, and has acted in the past with, the right-wing and its various extremist branches, at times distancing itself from them, and at other times legitimizing the demands of the movements. The project focuses on this and related aspects of the current political landscape



of the right, aiming to provide the tools for a thorough understanding of the processes that have led religious identity to become an effective political instrument for the advancement of political forces with a distinctly nationalist imprint and a variable authoritarian tendency.

Theoretical framework:

The study of phenomena described as radical right-wing, populist right-wing, and far-right has surged in recent years, thanks to the rise and electoral success of political formations that challenge some of the principles considered fundamental in liberal-democracies that emerged from World War II. Radicalization and extremism, phenomena exacerbated by the transition of the public debate onto virtual platforms, now underlie the current literature on the emergence and spread of Western right-wing movements. Religion also constitutes one of the main interpretive frames through which these phenomena are studied: consider, for example, the spread of concepts of femo- and homonationalism. The reaffirmation of traditional gender roles, which underlies the narrative that sees the heteronormative family under attack by external elements, is one of the main elements in which the current discourse of Western right-wing movements is articulated. This, moreover, has rapidly evolved into one of the most investigated areas of research by those whose goal is to explore the conjunction of political and religious discourse.

Description of the research project:

The project aims to contribute to the current debate on the development of discourses and ideologies underlying the main right-wing, radical, populist, and extreme parties that are changing the political landscape of many Western democracies. The goal is to identify how religious elements and symbols are being incorporated into their political agendas. The project will be divided into three phases. The first phase involves identifying the main, most recent and up-to-date studies published, on an international level, related to the research topic. Subsequently, the work will proceed with a second phase of analysis and processing of the material by conducting a historical analysis of the changes and developments undergone by the main movements and parties considered. The third phase will focus on drafting two final outputs that aim to provide an original perspective on the phenomenon, either by deepening a specific theme from a transnational perspective or by focusing on national case studies.

Keywords:

- Religion;
- Radical Populist Right;
- Nationalism;
- Family;
- Gender.

Time:

The research project involves the writing of at least one essay in an edited volume and one article in a peer-reviewed journal, and the participation in international conferences. The work will be divided into the following phases:

- A) In a first phase, an extensive literature review will be conducted.
- B) In a second phase, fundamental topics will be identified and investigated with reference to specific documents.
- C) In the third and last phase, the results of the two previous phases will be re-elaborated. This will lead to the writing of the two papers.

Expected results:

The project is aimed at producing concrete results that will contribute to the ongoing debate within this specific area of research. The right-wing landscape in Europe is diverse and constantly developing, which is why a continuous and careful analysis of its components and internal changes is necessary. The project seeks to contribute to existing scientific literature of this area of inquiry and



provide further empirical data to outline the religious dimension within radical right-wing movements in contemporary Europe with greater detail.

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