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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

for participation in the

### **Integrated Teaching Programme “In Conversation with Globalization” Academic Year 2026-2027**

Since 2019, the University of Bergamo and Universität Stuttgart have been parties to a cooperation agreement enabling students enrolled in the Master's Degree Programmes of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, specified below, to participate in the integrated teaching programme **In Conversation with Globalization**. The project, established and coordinated by the University of Stuttgart for over fifteen years, also involves two additional partner institutions: St. Xavier's College, University of Mumbai (India), and Stellenbosch University (South Africa).

The programme is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive international educational experience, enhancing their academic profile and improving their future employment prospects in an increasingly global labour market.

Participation is limited to a maximum of **five students**. Priority will be given to students enrolled in the Master's Degree Programmes in Modern Languages for International Communication and Cooperation and Planning and Management of Tourism Systems. Subject to the availability of places, applications from students enrolled in the other Master's Degree Programmes offered by the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures will also be considered. The programme is particularly valuable for students enrolled in the International Cooperation curriculum of the Master's Degree Programme in Modern Languages for International Communication and Cooperation (LMCCI), while also offering a highly enriching experience for students in the programme's other curriculum as well as for students enrolled in the Department's remaining Master's Degree Programmes.

Accordingly, this Call is primarily addressed to students who, in the 2026–2027 academic year, will be regularly enrolled in the second year of the Master's Degree Programmes in Modern Languages for International Communication and Cooperation (LMCCI) and Planning and Management of Tourism Systems (PMTS). Applications are also open to students who are enrolled in the second year of one of these Master's Degree Programmes during the 2025–2026 academic year and who have not yet graduated. Participation may additionally be extended to students who will be enrolled in the first year of one of the two Master's Degree Programmes in the 2026–2027 academic year, provided that they are formally admitted and have completed their enrolment by the application deadline.

The programme addresses economic, political and cultural issues related to different dimensions of globalization and requires the selected students to participate in:

- an online course, expected to commence in October 2026, lasting approximately ten weeks (delivered through the ILIAS platform or another learning management system adopted by the University of Stuttgart), attended jointly by students from Bergamo, Mumbai, Stellenbosch and Stuttgart;



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- an in-person Project Week at Stellenbosch University (South Africa), provisionally scheduled for January 2027, consisting of lectures, seminars and collaborative group work.

Selected students are expected to participate actively and regularly in both components of the programme, alongside students from the four partner universities.

Programme activities include individual study, collaborative work on assigned topics, and the submission of written assignments and presentations through the ILIAS platform.

Upon successful completion of the programme, participants will receive a Certificate of Participation, including an assessment of their work. For students enrolled in the LMCCI Master's Degree Programme, the programme may be recognised as one of the following:

- a laboratory activity;
- an additional (extra-curricular) English language examination worth 9 ECTS credits;
- or a free elective course worth 9 ECTS credits.

For students enrolled in the PMTS Master's Degree Programme, the programme may be recognised as a 6-ECTS free elective course, together with a 3-ECTS laboratory activity.

The competent governing body of each participant's Degree Programme shall evaluate the activities completed within the framework of the Integrated Teaching Programme and determine their recognition in terms of ECTS credits, in accordance with the relevant academic regulations.

In addition, participants may be awarded the "In Conversation with Globalization" Badge – Interdisciplinary, International and Multicultural Educational Programme, subject to the successful evaluation of the activities completed during both the online course and the Project Week. The assessment is carried out jointly by the academic coordinators of the partner institutions.

<https://bestr.it/badge/show/3134>

Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee, which will assess the academic, linguistic and intercultural competencies required for participation in the programme.

The Application Form (Annex 1), addressed to the Head of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Bergamo – Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Piazza Rosate 2, 24129 Bergamo, Italy, must be submitted by email to [lingue@unibg.it](mailto:lingue@unibg.it), with the subject line:

Application – "In Conversation with Globalization" Selection Call

Applications must be received **no later than 12:00 noon (CEST) on 24 September 2026**.

Applicants are required to submit the completed Application Form (Annex 1) together with the following documents:

- a Curriculum Vitae in Europass format, including a list of examinations completed during the first year of the Master's Degree Programme, the corresponding grades, and the overall grade average;
- a statement of motivation, clearly outlining the applicant's personal, academic, linguistic and intercultural qualifications and explaining the reasons for wishing to participate in the programme.



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Applicants will also be required to attend an interview, designed to assess their suitability for the programme as well as their proficiency in the English language.

The Selection Committee will evaluate applications on the basis of the following criteria:

- English language proficiency, corresponding to the level required for admission to the Master's Degree Programme in which the applicant is enrolled and sufficient to ensure the comprehension, discussion and critical analysis of the topics addressed by the programme;
- academic qualifications, as documented by the Curriculum Vitae, the list of examinations completed and the corresponding grades, together with the applicant's overall grade average;
- cultural and intercultural competencies, demonstrating the applicant's aptitude and preparedness to participate actively, critically and successfully in the programme;
- personal, academic and cultural motivation, as assessed during the interview, to participate actively and successfully in all programme activities.

The interview with the Selection Committee will take place on **29 September 2026 at 3:30 p.m.**, in the Meeting Room (third floor), Piazza Rosate Campus. No further notice or invitation will be issued.

Applicants who are unable to attend the interview in person may request permission to participate remotely only in the event of documented circumstances, specifically:

- participation in an official University of Bergamo international mobility programme for study purposes; or
- certified medical reasons.

Requests to attend the interview online must be duly documented. Requests unsupported by appropriate documentation will not be considered.

Selected students will begin the online course, delivered through the ILIAS platform, in October 2026.

The list of selected applicants will be published at:

<https://www.unibg.it/ateneo/amministrazione/concorsi-e-selezioni/bandi-studenti-e-laureati>

under the section Students and Graduates – Open Calls. Publication of the list shall constitute official notification for all purposes.

The University shall not be held responsible for any failure in the delivery of communications resulting from inaccurate contact information provided by applicants, failure or delay in notifying changes to the contact details indicated in the application, technical or electronic transmission problems, or circumstances attributable to third parties, unforeseen events or force majeure.

For further information about the Integrated Teaching Programme, applicants may contact Prof. Dorothee Heller ([dorothee.heller@unibg.it](mailto:dorothee.heller@unibg.it)) or Prof. Stefania Consonni ([stefania.consonni@unibg.it](mailto:stefania.consonni@unibg.it)), or seek assistance during their scheduled student office hours.



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This Call for Applications is published on the University of Bergamo website (University > Calls and Selection Procedures): <https://www.unibg.it/ateneo/amministrazione/concorsi-e-selezioni/bandi-studenti-e-laureati/studenti-e-laureati> under the section *Students and Graduates – Open Calls*.

The members of the Selection Committee (whose names will be published after the application deadline) and the results of the selection procedure will be published in the same section of the University of Bergamo website.

### Privacy Notice

By submitting an application, applicants freely and knowingly consent to the processing of their personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR), Italian Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, as amended, and the applicable data protection legislation.

All personal data collected within the framework of this selection procedure will be processed by the University exclusively for institutional purposes directly connected with the management of this selection procedure and, where applicable, the subsequent conclusion and administration of the relevant contractual relationship.

The University's Data Protection Officer (DPO) is Liguria Digitale S.p.A., which may be contacted at: [dpo@unibg.it](mailto:dpo@unibg.it). Data subjects may contact the DPO regarding any matters relating to the processing of their personal data and the exercise of their rights under the applicable data protection legislation.

The privacy notice pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 is available on the University website at: <https://www.unibg.it/privacy-e-protezione-dei-dati-personali>

### Reporting of Violations Affecting the Public Interest or the Integrity of the University

Pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree No. 24/2023, implementing the protection of persons who report breaches of European Union law and national legislation, individuals participating in this selection procedure may report conduct detrimental to the public interest or to the integrity of the University to the University's Anti-Corruption and Transparency Officer (RPCT).

Whistleblowers are entitled to the protection measures provided for in Chapter III of Legislative Decree No. 24/2023. Their identity will also be afforded enhanced confidentiality, provided that reports are submitted through the official reporting channels established by the University, namely:

- the dedicated online platform: <https://unibg.whistleblowing.it/#/>
- alternatively, the dedicated voicemail service at +39 035 205 2160.

Further information is available on the University's institutional website under *Transparent Administration > Other Content > Anti-Corruption Prevention > Whistleblowing*.

### Person Responsible for the Administrative Procedure

The person responsible for the administrative procedure is Dr Barbara Mirto, Department Office, Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Piazza Rosate 2, 24129 Bergamo, Italy.



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### **Applicable Legislation**

For all matters not expressly governed by this Call, reference shall be made to the current University Regulations governing the awarding of teaching contracts, whether remunerated or unpaid, and the assignment of supplementary teaching activities pursuant to Article 23 of Italian Law No. 240/2010, together with any other applicable legislation.

This Call for Applications will be published on the University's Official Notice Board and on the University of Bergamo website.

**Published on: 3 September 2026**

**Application deadline: 24 September 2026**

*Official registration details (protocol number, registration date, classification, file reference and attachments) are available from the University's protocol records.*

The Head of Department  
Professor Raul Mario Calzoni

Digitally signed pursuant to Article 24 of Italian Legislative Decree No. 82/2005.