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CATANIA *YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM* | YITP

SOLIDARITY: THE QUEST FOR FOUNDING UTOPIAS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

with the contribution of
ASSOCIAZIONE DI FONDAZIONI E CASSE DI RISPARMIO ITALIANE SpA (ACRI)

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

(deadline for applications: June 1st 2022)

Academic Year 2021/2022

Article 1

THE CATANIA YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM (YITP)

The **Young Investigator Training Program** (YITP) at the Department of Law of the University of Catania welcomes applications for **9 visiting fellowships** to be awarded to early stage scholars of any nationality from any European (non-Italian) or extra-European academic institutions (with preference to Ukrainian or other nationalities under international protection). The applicants shall be within 10 years of the award of the PhD or currently PhD students when starting the fellowship. Furthermore, the applicants should work in the fields covered by the **Catania YITP**, namely international law, EU law, history of international law and legal history of European integration. The fellows will be hosted by the University of Catania Law Department (Prof. A. Di Stefano) or one of the academic institutions part of the *2022 YITP Network* (UniBologna, Prof. F. Casolari; UniFerrara, prof. A. Annoni; UniFirenze, Prof. Micaela Frulli; UniNapoli Federico II, prof. F.M. Palombino; UniRomaTre, Prof. G. Bartolini; UniTrento, Prof. M. Pertile, see **Annex 1** for details) and mentored by a faculty member from one of these research centers.

The **Young Investigator Training Program** (YITP 2019, further postponed to 2022 due to Covid-19 mobility restrictions) comes in connection with the **2021 ESIL Research Forum** (*Solidarity: the Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law*, 15-16 April 2021), an early scholar initiative co-sponsored by the European Society of International Law and the Law Department of the University of Catania, and benefits from full funding of the *Associazione di Fondazioni e Casse di Risparmio Spa (ACRI)*.

The Catania 2021 ESIL Research Forum inspired thoughtful reflections on the genealogy of international solidarity by focusing on the actors, norms and processes influencing its evolution over time. Beyond the search for definitions, the scope of the Forum was to explore transformations and practical manifestations of this longstanding principle in the international legal community. As a follow up of the event, an interdisciplinary research project at the University of Catania (**ExTemPoRe** | *Exceptionally Bad Times. Memory, Policy and Regulation of Transnational Crisis*) devotes special attention to current legal narratives of ‘international crisis’ under the lens of solidaristic approaches exploring new paradigms of the crisis phenomenology in international cooperation.

The ExTemPoRe Research Group at the University of Catania launches this call for applications as part of the *2022 Young Investigators Training Program* (YITP) with a network of Italian academic institutions (see **Annex 1** for details).

The overall amount of each fellowship will depend on the country of residence (€ 3,000.00 for each European candidate and € 4,000.00 for each non-European candidate) and is subject to Italian withholding tax.

Selected candidates will be requested to:

- stay at least one month in Italy (to be scheduled from July to November 2022), hosted by the leading Italian Academic Departments of the Catania 2022 YITP network (see **Annex 1** for details);

- join the on-line kick-off meeting of the YITP Program;
- participate in the hybrid research seminars organized by the YITP Network (book discussions, networking, methodology and soft skills sessions, on-line or in presence),
 - one hybrid session will be held at Catania University as a follow up of the 2021 ESIL Research Forum sponsored by the UniCT ExTemPoRe Research Group, on *Memory, Trauma, History and International Crisis* (Catania, 28 October 2022, tbc);
- present their research activities in the framework of the **YITP 2022 International Workshops** arranged by the YITP:
 - one in-presence final session will be held at Roma Tre University along with the possibility to participate to the symposium organized by the Italian Yearbook of International Law on *International Law & the EU: Achievements, Prospects and Challenges* (Part I) and *The International Legal Order and the War in Ukraine: Key Lessons and Challenges* (Part II), Rome 28-29 November 2022.

Article 2 Scientific Committee

The YITP Scientific Committee is composed by:
Adriana Di Stefano, Università di Catania
Giulio Bartolini, Università di Roma Tre
Marco Fisicaro, ExTemPoRe Research Group
Fulvio Maria Palombino, Università di Napoli Federico II
Maria Sole Testuzza, Università di Catania

Article 3 Who can apply?

Young investigators wishing to carry out research in the fields of international law, EU law, history of international law and legal history of European integration are invited to apply for the **2022 Young Investigators Training Program** submitting research projects to be presented during their research stay at one of the Italian universities affiliated to the Catania YITP.

Applicants must also:

- have held a PhD for no more than 10 years and currently hold a non-tenure track position in a foreign (non-Italian, worldwide) research institution;
or
- be PhD students in a foreign (non-Italian, worldwide) research institution.

Article 4

What are the benefits of this experience for young researchers?

It offers young, worthy researchers living abroad the opportunity to develop original and independent research projects in Italy in the fields covered by the **YITP**, namely international law, EU law, history of international law and legal history of European integration;

It encourages research and debate on the main focus of the Catania YITP Program *Solidarity: The Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law*.

It identifies and supports the integration of young researchers in international research projects;

It provides an opportunity for young researchers to participate in a major final *YITP 2022 International Workshop* with the possibility to attend the symposium organized by the Italian Yearbook of International Law on *International Law & the EU: Achievements, Prospects and Challenges*, Rome 28-29 November 2022

Article 5

How to apply?

Eligible candidates are required to apply by submitting the following:

1. The Catania **YITP on line Application Form** <https://adi2.unict.it/index.php/186637?lang=en> completed in all parts;
2. **Description of the research activities (one-page abstract) in the fields covered by the Catania YITP, namely international law, EU law, history of international law and legal history of European integration, including the expected period of stay (at least one month between July and November 2022).** Connection with the proposed general topic (*Solidarity: the Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law*) is encouraged but not mandatory.
3. List of the **research centres** that the candidate would like to visit, in order of preference (**Annex 1**);
4. Updated **CV** (max 2 pages + a list of publications) and a scanned copy of the applicant's **passport** (or **ID document** for EU researchers);
6. **Self-declaration** (if applicable) from Ukraine Scholars (**Annex 2**) or documents concerning the international/temporary protection status.

Proposals must be submitted through the UniCt on line application system by **June 1st 2022**.

All participants will be identified through a registration (ID) code released by the application system at the end of the online procedure.

Article 6

Selection Board and Selection Procedure

Awardees will be selected from the pool of eligible applicants on the basis of their academic career and the relevance of the research projects by a Selection Board nominated by the Law Department of the University of Catania. The selection board will ensure that the ACRI Fund supports initiatives on the basis of the highest international standards of research excellence, and that funding decisions consider areas of strength and relevance to the YITP network.

The visiting fellowships shall be awarded after an evaluation of the applicant's qualifications and documentation, on the basis of a score defined by the Selection Board, which shall take into account the following aspects:

- Curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- Publications ;
- Content of the research program: validity and scientific originality of the proposal; feasibility of the project; relevance of expected results.
- An interview on the research proposals and on the submitted qualifications (also in remote mode).

With regard to non-European grants, preference will be given to Ukrainian scholars and to other candidates of other nationalities under international protection.

Article 7

Announcement of awards

The selection board will formulate and publicly announce the general ranking of merit. All participants will be identified through a registration (ID) code assigned by the online application system. The results of the selection procedure will be posted to the competitions section of the University website at <https://www.unict.it/bandi/diritto-allo-studio/borse-di-studio> and successful candidates will also be notified by email.

Article 8

Acceptance of research award

Within 7 days of the official on line publication of the results, acceptance of the Fellowship must be communicated by sending an email to izangara@lex.unict.it copied to rloiacono@lex.unict.it, 2021esil.rf.catania@lex.unict.it and to risorse.internazionali@lex.unict.it (Letter of acceptance, **Annex 3**). Should a successful applicant not accept the research grant, the grant may be made available to applicants classified as eligible according to the ranking order. Research awards include the cost of an appropriate insurance policy (compulsory) against personal accidents that occur during their time at the host research facilities, as well as for personal injury and incidents caused by the researcher during the visiting fellowship period.

Article 9

Contribution source and legal nature of the contribution

The economic resources of the YITP founding amount to individual grants of 3,000.00 euros (three thousand/00) for 7 European young researchers, and 4,000.00 euros (four thousand/00) for 2 non-European young researchers. No extra funding (mobility costs or other benefits) will be provided in addition to the individual grants under the YITP.

The amount shall be disbursed by means of a procedure agreed between ACRI Foundation and University of Catania.

The fellowship award does not constitute an employment relationship.

Article 10

Rights and obligations

Researchers shall have access to research facilities at the hosting institution. They are also required to comply with the regulations and Codes of Ethics and Conduct, of the institution to which they are assigned.

At the end of the visiting period, the beneficiaries are required to submit a scientific report to the Scientific Committee on the activities carried out.

If the research results are published, the author must cite Catania YITP 2019 (A.A. 2021/2022) and ACRI in the text of the publication.

Article 11

Procedure Supervisor

The Procedure Supervisor is Dr. Ignazio Zangara, email: izangara@lex.unict.it

Article 12

Personal Data Processing

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003, as amended and supplemented, governing personal data protection, all data provided will be processed only for the purposes of participation in the program. Information on GDPR is available on the university website at:

subjects, is available on the University website at: <https://www.unict.it/it/content/privacy>

For further information on selection and administrative procedures please contact: izangara@lex.unict.it and /or roiaco@lex.unict.it risorse.internazionali@lex.unict.it .

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ANNEX 1

CATANIA YITP NETWORK

Hosting Institution	Academic contact person	Department Contacts
Università di Bologna	Federico Casolari	https://dsg.unibo.it/it federico.casolari@unibo.it
Università di Catania	Adriana Di Stefano	www.lex.unict.it adistefano@lex.unict.it
Università di Ferrara	Alessandra Annoni	https://www.unife.it/giurisprudenza/giurisprudenza/alessandra.annoni@unife.it
Università di Firenze	Micaela Frulli	https://www.dsg.unifi.it/ micaela.frulli@unifi.it
Università di Napoli Federico II	Fulvio Maria Palombino	https://www.new.giurisprudenza.unina.it/ fulviomaria.palombino@unina.it
Università Roma Tre	Giulio Bartolini	https://www.uniroma3.it/ateneo/dipartimenti-e-scuole/dipartimenti/giurisprudenza-009447/ giulio.bartolini@uniroma3.it
Università di Trento	Marco Pertile	https://www.giurisprudenza.unitn.it/ marco.pertile@unitn.it

ANNEX 2 | SELF-DECLARATION CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL / TEMPORARY PROTECTION STATUS

DECLARATION OF INTERNATIONAL/TEMPORARY PROTECTION/AT-RISK SCHOLAR STATUS

Name and Surname:

Date of birth:

Country of birth:

Nationality:

Country of residence:

conscious of the criminal sanctions for falsification of documents and false statements as per art. 76 DPR 445/2000,

HEREBY DECLARE (please choose one of the following options):

that I am an Ukrainian citizen residing in Ukraine before February 24th, 2022 and that I have received temporary protection as per the EU Council Implementing Decision 2022/382 of 4 March 2022 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine within the meaning of Article 5 of Directive 2001/55/EC;

that I am an Ukrainian citizen residing in Ukraine before February 24th, 2022 and that I will apply for temporary protection in Italy, as per the EU Council Implementing Decision 2022/382 of 4 March 2022 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine within the meaning of Article 5 of Directive 2001/55/EC;

that I am a citizen of another Country, or stateless, with international protection or similar in Ukraine before February 24th, 2022;

that I am a _____ citizen / stateless, asylum seeker, entitled to international protection status or already recognized as an “at-risk scholar” by SAR (SAR status) or by other accredited international organizations working in this field (Scholar Rescue Fund SRF, Council for At-Risk Academics, CARA).

Place _____

Date (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Signature _____



ANNEX 3 | LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

CATANIA YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Name and Surname:

Date of birth:

Country of birth:

Nationality:

Country of residence:

conscious of the penal sanctions for falsification of documents and false statements as per art. 76 DPR 445/2000,

HEREBY DECLARE

that I accept the opportunity of application to the “Catania YITP” call.

Place _____

Date (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Signature _____