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Call for Abstract

1st Global Studies Conference for Ph.D Students and Early Career Researchers

We are pleased to announce the first PhD conference in Global Studies of the University of Urbino, taking place on **March 25th and 26th** at the University of Urbino Carlo Bo.

The two-day conference is designed for a broad audience, with a primary focus on Ph.D. students and early-career researchers. It aims to spread knowledge, foster collaborations, and take advantage of networking opportunities that may arise in the research areas that best describe the Global Studies Ph.D. programme.

The contemporary global political, economic, and social scenario has been defined by countless challenges. Among these, wars, the instability of the multipolar world order, the genocide in Gaza, the financial, economic, and ecological crisis, and the rise of AI call for a comprehensive interpretation at the global level. The contemporary global condition cannot be understood in homogeneous terms, but rather as scattered, discontinuous, porous, and heterogeneous. Imperialism, inequalities, and differences have not disappeared in our political landscape, and we cannot retreat from confronting them. In short, to grasp global phenomena, we must critically reflect on categories, concepts, and labels that shape our scientific work to fully understand the processes of globalisation and de-globalisation.

Following the conceptual divisions of the Global Studies Ph.D Programme, this conference seeks to deepen a multidisciplinary understanding of globalisation and de-globalisation processes. According to the structure of the Global Studies Ph.D. programme, the Conference will be structured into the following sub-sections:

1. Economics and Management of Globalisation
2. Socio-politics of Globalisation

Participation will be **free of charge**. During the conference, coffee breaks and light lunches will be offered to participants. The expenses for travel and accommodation will be covered by the participant herself. Only in-person presentations will be considered.

[Submit your abstract by the 6th of February 2026 at the following link.](#)

The organising committee welcomes submissions of abstracts in **PDF format (500 words max.)** on topics related, **but not limited to** the streams listed above.

More in detail:

1. The “**Economics and Management of Globalisation**” stream is presented to discuss works on the aspects of globalization and de-globalization, with both theoretical models and empirical approaches. In detail, the aim is to provide an understanding of topics such as growth, structural transformation, and policy evaluation. The topics are related to the understanding of national and supranational responses to events such as economic and

financial crises, environmental challenges, and the adoption of AI. Moreover, research works focusing on multinational enterprises and SMEs, industry and the public sector, as well as finance and labor, are welcome.

To deepen the multidisciplinary study of today's global economy, we encourage contributions on:

- International Trade and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI);
- Environmental Economics and Policy;
- Global Value Chains (GVC) and the off-shoring, re-shoring, and near-shoring business strategies;
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their role in business and administration;

2. The “**Socio-politics of Globalisation**” stream will welcome abstracts dealing with:

The theme of **International Relations**, aiming to promote dialogue by developing and deepening discussions on issues within the field of International Relations, adopting a variety of approaches and favouring critical, decolonial, and decentralizing perspectives on the discipline. For this reason, scholars are invited to submit contributions focusing on topics related to:

- Regional and Interregional Studies;
- Foreign policy of the EU as well as that of other International Organizations;
- Postcolonial Studies in IR or Decolonizing approaches of IR;
- Growing importance of Global South actors on the world stage.

The **Political Theory** stream begins with a precise understanding of what it means to provincialize political categories. On the one hand, critique must show how such categories reproduce a European and Atlantic gaze that operates as material and concrete domination. On the other hand, it must invent new categories and reappropriate existing ones in new ways. In short, it is not enough to add a paragraph on the Haitian Revolution to a textbook on the French Revolution. We must instead undertake a radical critique of what liberty, equality, and fraternity meant in that specific context, and explore how to move beyond this framework.

We therefore welcome contributions on the following themes:

- displacement and provincialization of European and Atlantic political categories;
- movements, struggles, rebellions, revolts and their implications for provincializing political thought;
- methodological reflections on the provincialization of political theory;
- non-Western political thought.

Interdisciplinary contributions, moreover, are not only accepted but also **encouraged and recommended**, given the complex and interconnected nature of the major contemporary global challenges.

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