

**Doctoral Program in  
POLITICS: HISTORY, THEORY, SCIENCE  
XXXIV Cycle - 2018/2019 Academic Year**

**Administrative Headquarters:** Department of Political Science, LUISS Guido Carli University

**Statutory Duration of the Program:** 3 years

**a) Educational Goals and Research Themes:**

The doctoral program in Politics: History, Theory, Science aims to provide participants with the theoretical and empirical wherewithal required for an analytical and rigorous study of politics.

The doctoral program offers three strands which, united by a common thread, focus on three specific aspects.

- 1) The Political Theory strand offers a philosophical-political normative perspective centered on the issue of justice, addressed in terms of redistribution and recognition and articulated in a local and global dimension. The curriculum proposes a broad methodology, which though affording priority to the ethical normative perspective, offers an overview of a variety of philosophical approaches including rational choice theory, game theory, critical theory and non-Western perspectives.
- 2) The Political Science strand connects with the empirical perspective of political science, offering a qualitative and quantitative methodological base, followed by training directed towards some key issues of the discipline: the system of representation (and the challenges that call it into question), the creation of public policies, the system of international relations, and the challenges of the process of European integration.
- 3) The Political History strand aims at providing students with the most advanced and recent theoretical and methodological tools for the historical study of politics, international relations, and the institutions and ideas of the XIX and XX centuries. The curriculum also aims to blend the theoretical approach of the social sciences with the idiographic one employed by historians and to overcome the differences between national political histories and the non-national context by adopting comparative, transnational or global approaches.

The common aim of the doctoral program is to train young scholars equipped with up-to-date, rigorous and in-depth knowledge of the challenges faced by contemporary politics, including in their historical dimension. Knowledge able to