



Sant'Anna

School of Advanced Studies – Pisa



Debunking Political Uses of
Denialisms and Conspiracy
Theories in EU



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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS Higher Education Course – Summer School

"Political Conspiracy Theories" 2023/2024 academic year

In partnership with Jean Monnet Module – Erasmus +

Art. 1 Start up

The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa has activated the II edition of the Higher Education Course – Summer School in "Political Conspiracy Theories", pursuant to art. 7 of the Charter.

The Course Director will be PhD Doc. Marco Solinas.

The course is organised in collaboration with or sponsored by Jean Monnet Module – Erasmus +.

The course will be held at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies from 1 to 5 July 2024, for a total of 32 hours.

The attendance of single days is not foreseen.

The official language of the Course is English.

Art. 2 ECTS

The Course envisages the acknowledgement of 2 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) for students who attend the entire training course.

Acquiring European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is subject to passing the foreseen learning test and complying with the attendance obligations envisaged.

Art. 3 Educational Objectives

The Course has the following Educational Objective: it offers a panorama of the strategies to analyse different forms of political uses of conspiracy theories and denialisms from an interdisciplinary perspective: political theory, sociology, political philosophy, history, political science.

Art. 4 Recipients

The Course is intended for the following main recipients: undergraduate, graduate, Master and PhD students, post doc as well journalists, teachers, and policymakers.

Art. 5 Course Structure

The Course syllabus has a duration of 5 days, from July 1th to 5. Monday from 2 to 6 p.m; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 to 6 p.m.; Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For the detailed programme, consult the brochure on the school website: <https://www.santannapisa.it/it/alta-formazione/summer-school-political-conspiracy-theories-2023-2024>

A final assessment is foreseen at the end of the Course.

The training activities are provided with face-to-face lectures.

Art. 6 Admission requirements

An admission application may be submitted by undergraduate, graduate, Master and PhD students, as well as journalists, teachers and policymakers. In selecting applications, however, preference will be given to Master and Phd students and post doc, particularly from the area of political and social science.

The above requirements are to be met at the closing date to submit applications.

The Administration may decide to exclude a candidate, at any time, with a motivated decision, if the prescribed requirements have not been met.

Art. 7 Admission application

Persons who intend to apply for admission to the Course must, by and no later than May 15th 2024:

- A. submit the application exclusively online, and ensure that the data requested are entered at the following address:
<https://www.santannapisa.it/it/alta-formazione/summer-school-political-conspiracy-theories-2023-2024>
- B. the following documentation, in electronic format, is to be attached to the application, under penalty of non-eligibility for the Course:
 - an up-to-date curriculum vitae, prepared in the European format (max 5 pages);

- a short motivation letter (max 200 words);
- a currently valid identity document;
- a self-declaration of high proficiency in written and spoken English (minimum B2);
- other documents considered to be of interest (for example: publication, certificate of disability, ECTS).

Incomplete applications will not be taken into consideration.

Applications received after the deadline or submitted in a form other than the form indicated in this article, for whatever reason, will not be considered.

Falsification of documents and fraudulent statements are punished in accordance with the Italian Criminal Code and the special applicable laws, Art. 75 and Art. 76 of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) No. 445/2000.

The Institution may monitor the truthfulness of the statements provided and the documents submitted at any time during the procedure, even after the Course has started, and request the original documents to be submitted. In the case of false statements the Institution may decide, at any time, to exclude candidates from the selection procedure, based on a motivated decision issued by the Rector, without prejudice to the resulting criminal liability.

Art. 8 Selection of candidates

The selection is made by a special Committee appointed by a decision issued by the Rector on the basis of the educational qualifications presented and the information entered in the online application form.

The Committee selects the candidates on the basis of the following parameters:

a) Educational Qualification and Educational experience	60/100
b) Relevant professional experience	10/100
c) Knowledge of foreign languages (excluding English)	10/100
d) Motivation	20/100
TOTAL 100/100 (option)	

Persons who achieved an overall assessment equal to or greater than 70 are admitted to the Course.

The younger candidate will have precedence in the case of ex-aequo.

A Decision issued by the Rector duly approves the selection documents, as well as the merit ranking and the successful candidates are announced at the end of the selection, subject to the condition of verifying the requirements and the educational qualifications stated, as indicated in art. 6 of this call for applications.

The educational qualifications gained at an Italian University or University Institute or gained at a foreign University or University Institute of equal standing are assessed by the selection Committee that reserves the right to request possible supplementary documents/information.

The merit ranking will be published on the Institution's website (www.santannapisa.it) and notified by e-mail exclusively to the persons who will be admitted to the Course.

If attendance to the Course is waived, then persons who achieved an overall assessment of at least 70 points out of 100, may be admitted to the ranking order, even though classified after the 25 position.

Art. 10 Enrolment fees

The Course enrolment fee amounts to € 100,00 and includes attendance of all the lessons, the teaching material and lunches (on class days).

Travelling expenses, board and lodging are to be borne by each participant.

Employees of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna can participate in the course free of charge, subject to the authorization of the Managing Director.

The enrolment fee is individual and is to be borne exclusively by the participants (in accordance with the provisions envisaged in Art. 16-quinquies of Legislative Decree No. 502/92, as subsequently amended).

Pursuant to art. 9, paragraph 2 of Legislative Decree No. 68/2012 the Institution grants total exemption regarding payment of the enrolment fee in the case of students with a disability, acknowledged to be equal to or greater than sixty-six percent, in accordance with art. 3, paragraph 1 of Law No. 104/1992, and applies a 1.5% reduction for every percentage point of disability in the case of students who have been acknowledged a disability of less than sixty-six percent. A student that intends to take advantage of the exemption or the reduction is required to attach an appropriate certificate to the online application.

A candidate forfeits the right to be refunded the sum paid as the attendance fee to the above-mentioned Course whenever waives attendance of the Course after having expressed his/her willingness to accept.

The fee already paid will be refunded if the Course is not initiated because the minimum number of participants fails to be reached.

Art. 11 Acceptance procedure and method of payment

Successful candidates who wish to attend the Course are required to confirm their attendance within the deadline and in accordance with the procedures indicated in the admission notice, under penalty of exclusion.

The enrolment fee is to be paid by PagoPa procedure.

Art. 12 Educational Qualification issued

At the end of the Course the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies will issue a certificate of attendance with value to the extent permitted by law, and with the details of the ECTS obtained to the students who attended at least 80% of the lessons, and passed the assessment tests foreseen and are up-to-date with the payment of the enrolment fee.

Art. 13 Person responsible for the competitive entrance examination procedure, personal data processing and prevention of corruption measures

Under the art. 5 of the Act n. 241/90 and ff.mm., the person in charge of the competition procedure is Lucia Vieggi, Head of the U.O. Higher Education - Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Via Maffi 27, 56127 Pisa - tel. 050/882645 - e-mail: altaformazione@santannapisa.it.

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (hereinafter the "School"), represented by the Rector, as Data Controller, under the article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation n. 679/2016 and under the Italian Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 ("Privacy Code regarding the protection of personal data") with regard to the processing of personal data, and on his behalf, Giovanna Bottai, Head of the Post – Graduate Education Area will process your data.

Please read the privacy statement available at <https://www.santannapisa.it/it/alta-formazione-info>. The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies operates in compliance with the legislation on the prevention of corruption (L.190 / 2012).