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# Bocconi

From research data  
to effective policy

## PhD IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE



**Bocconi. Knowledge** that matters.

The PhD in Social and Political Science is a 4-year PhD program completely taught in English. The program is designed for highly qualified and motivated students who wish to pursue a career in academia and research, and features a strong focus on high-level **personal engagement**: even before committing, selected applicants will interview with **world-renowned faculty**. Participants can count on close interaction with professors during courses and will work side by side with a **distinguished mentor** to carry out an intense period of research training. They are thus fully prepared and confident when they undertake their dissertation.

One of the program's most unique features is that it seeks common ground among disciplines often studied separately, employing **multi-disciplinary training** in theory and methods combined with an evidence-based approach. The program emphasizes the interconnections between social and political science, recognizing that political processes, social dynamics and economic factors necessarily interact. Students will choose among a range of **elective courses** to specialize in one or more of the core areas covered, but the program's structure ensures that all students will be exposed to the **entire lifespan of a socio-political concept**, from basic sociological research through the implementation and evaluation of public policy. Core areas include **demography, economic history, international relations, gender, political science and political economy, public and global health, and public administration and public policy**, and all are dealt with in the compulsory curriculum.

## Work with outstanding international scholars



**GOSTA ESPING-ANDERSEN**  
Sociology

ERC grant holder and author of *Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism* and *Families in the 21st Century*



**CATHERINE DE VRIES**  
Political Science

ERC grant holder and author of *Euro-scepticism and the Future of European Integration*



**DAVID STUCKLER**  
Global Health

Author of important studies on austerity and global health consequences and ERC award holder



**ALEKSANDRA TORBICA**  
Health Policy

Director of Centre for Research on Health and Social Care Management (CERGAS) and H2020 Principal Investigator



**TOMMASO NANNICINI**  
Political Economy

Member of the Italian Senate, ERC award holder and author of influential studies in political economy and comparative politics



**PAOLA PROFETA**  
Gender and public policy

Director of the Axa research lab on gender equality, author of important studies on gender economics and politics

## ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Bocconi offers **5 fully funded positions** and **one tuition waiver** to qualified candidates, who will be selected on the basis of several criteria

Find all the details and application deadlines at [www.unibocconi.eu/phdsps](http://www.unibocconi.eu/phdsps)

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1 <sup>st</sup> YEAR	Sociology
	Political Sciences
	Computational methods for social and political science
2 <sup>nd</sup> YEAR	Compulsory courses and experimental research
	3 electives out of the following: History of pandemics, crisis, and policy; Governance, corruption and accountability; Population dynamics; Populism and crisis; The politics of conflict and violence; Health and society
3 <sup>rd</sup> AND 4 <sup>th</sup> YEAR	Dissertation research
	Advanced workshops
	Attendance of department seminars with leading scholars
	International exchange
	Job market preparation

## FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR



**ARNSTEIN AASSVE**  
PhD Director

Holder of Advanced ERC grant on cultural and institutional perspectives of family demography

*This PhD is an outstanding opportunity to work with world-class scholars and become a leader in academic research and public policy analysis*

## ABOUT BOCCONI

Bocconi University, founded in 1902, was the first Italian university to grant a degree in economics. For over a century, Bocconi has played a leading role in Italy's social and economic modernization. It has remained true to its founding values of being a major research university, with democratic values and open to the world, as well as being financially and politically independent. As the 21st century unfolds, Bocconi continues to contribute to the advancement of European higher education through teaching and research across a range of disciplines, including economics, management, social and political sciences, and law, producing world leaders both in business and academia. [www.unibocconi.eu](http://www.unibocconi.eu)

## ABOUT MILANO

Recognized as the Italian financial and industrial capital, Milan also has a rich history of art, design, fashion and cuisine. It is a vibrant and bustling city, a great place to live for thousands of young professionals who enjoy a wide range of cultural and entertainment opportunities.