

# Social Europe after the Pandemic: Rights and Policies



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## General information

This Winter School, organised by the University of Milan, will give the opportunity to the participants to investigate and discuss the most salient and recent issues related to the social dimension of the European Union. By gathering some of the key experts in the domain of European social and employment policies, European labour law and European economic governance, the school offers an up-to-date account of the latest developments of the EU social agenda.

Participants will be able to present their own research during three conference panels. The three panels will touch upon three different policy areas: social investment policies, working conditions and work-life balance, and social protection. Participants will be selected based on the presentation of an abstract that will fit one of the three panels. Four post-doc discussants from different academic backgrounds (economics, political science and law) are assigned to each panel and will discuss the presented papers by participants.

This Winter School is organised under the Horizon 2020 project EuSocialCit which studies 'the state of social rights' in Europe and the role of the EU in the future development of social rights. EuSocialCit is an ambitious interdisciplinary research project conducted by a consortium of eight academic institutions and an international think tank on EU affairs. The Winter School targets PhD students, post-docs and highly motivated early-stage researchers. Selected participants are expected to share knowledge, participate actively in debates, present their research and give feedback to other participants.

## How to apply

1. Send your CV and a short motivation letter via the application form: [CLICK HERE](#)
2. Submit an abstract of maximum 300 words about one of the following topics:
  - Social investment (ECEC, education, ALMP, life-long learning) policies in the EU
  - Social protection policies, including housing, minimum income protection, unemployment benefit and short time work schemes, in the EU
  - Work-life balance, working condition (including minimum wages) and health and safety policies in the EU



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The papers are expected to look at the above-mentioned policy areas from a rights-based perspective, that is, to examine how the EU policies under investigation affect social entitlements, either strengthening or weakening social rights. The papers will be presented during the Winter School in the interactive presentation sessions. Participants are supposed to submit their papers five days prior to the beginning of the School to enable the discussants to read the drafts and to provide written comments.

## Deadline

Applications are due by 14 July 2022.

## Selection criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the applicants' motivation, the thematic focus of their academic work and the quality of abstracts submitted. In the selection process balance will be sought between applicants from various European regions. EuSocialCit does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, disability, marital status or sexual orientation, in the selection of participants for the event.

## Costs and funding possibilities

Participation is free of charge. However, participants will have to cover their own travelling expenses (including accommodation in Milan). EuSocialCit can cover the travel costs (up to €450) of a limited number of successful applicants who otherwise would not be able to attend the Winter School. Participants who want to benefit from the travel support will need to justify their need for the travel grant when filling in the registration form.

## Organisation

Successful applicants will take part in the Winter School in person. The official language is English, and no simultaneous translation will be provided. Selected applicants will be notified of admission by 22 July 2022.

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