

SPRING SCHOOL

Political economy of production and labour

Academic Year 2025/26

Art. 1

The Scuola Normale Superiore is organising for the academic year 2025/2026 - within the **MERITA Project, the network for talent**, with funding of the Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR) (NRRP, the National Recovery and Resilience Plan), Mission 4 – Education and Research, Component 1, Investment 3.4 "Advanced university training and skills" – "Reinforcement of the Scuole universitarie superiori (the university institutes of higher education)", Public notice pursuant to Director's Decree No. 594/2024 – a spring school denominated: "Political economy of production and labour".

The school will be held in person from 16 March to 20 March at the site of the Scuola Normale Superiore in Florence, for a total of 35 hours.

The official language of the school is English, with a session held in Italian.

The school will have a maximum of 50 participants.

Art. 2

Educational objectives

The school "Political economy of production and labour" has the aim of combining methods and theories from political economy and labour studies for the study of changes in the economy and employment in today's world. The school will offer tools to understand the governance of value chains, industrial policies and labour markets in the context of the world political and economic system's instability and of environmental and social sustainability concerns. The school will have an interdisciplinary approach combining perspectives from international political economy, labour economics, economic policy, industrial relations, gender studies, political ecology and the sociology of work. Organised over five days, each day will address a specific theme, with lectures by senior scholars, discussion of case studies, and interactive class activities. PhD students may have the opportunity to present and discuss their research project with lecturers and participants.

Themes of the School will include the models of capitalism and the instability of the world economy, the dynamics of employment, wages and inequality, gender inequality, ecology and sustainability, labour in the digital age, new forms of labour activism and policy alternatives for the economy and for labour.

Organised over five days, each day will address a specific theme, with lectures by senior scholars and presentations by experts on case studies. Participants are asked to read course material in advance, participate actively in discussions and laboratories during the school, and write a short essay on a topic to be agreed with the instructors. They will obtain a certificate of attendance.

Art. 3

Those qualifying and admission requirements

The above described activities are suitable for:

- students of Italian and non-Italian universities enrolled in courses of Undergraduate Degree, Master's Degree and PhD;
- post-docs and early-career researchers;
- people operating in civil society, trade unions, NGO in the area of labour, economic inequalities, development.

Admission requirements: Candidates are asked to send a CV including a brief statement of the reasons of interest in participating to the school.

Selection mode: Admissions will be decided on the basis of the CV.

Art. 4

Organisation of the School

Each day is made up of 7 hours of class activities: 5 hours of lectures and 2 of workshops (times 9-17, with a lunch break of 1 hour).

There is no test at the end of the school.

Art. 5

Admission applications

Those intending to compete for admission to the school must submit an application with the [following link](#) no later than 31st January 2026.

For any further information please send an email to eclabour.springschool@sns.it.

The following documentation must be attached to the application, on pain of non-admittance to the school:

- an up-to-date CV;
- a valid identity document;
- a statement of max. 2 pages describing the motivation and the study interests.

All applications arriving late or in a form different from that stated in the article herein, for whatever reason, will not be taken into consideration.

False or mendacious declarations are punishable pursuant to the Penal Code and to the specific Laws, Arts. 75 and 76 of D.PR. 445/2000.

At any moment of the procedure, including after the start of the School, the Scuola may carry out checks as to the veracity of the declarations submitted and the documents produced and may request to see the documents in the original. In the case of false declarations, the Scuola may invoke a special Rector's Decree for the exclusion of the applicant, except for any ensuing penal responsibilities.

Art. 6

Enrolment fees and benefits

Participation in the school does not entail enrolment fees.

Admission to the school includes participation in the lectures, the educational material and lunch on the days when the school takes place.

Art. 7

Acceptance procedure

Applicants admitted to the school who intend to take part must confirm their participation, on pain of exclusion, by the deadline and with the procedure indicated in the notice of admission.

Art. 8

Certification issued

On termination of the school, those having attended at least 80% of the lectures will be awarded by the Scuola Normale Superiore a certificate of participation valid within the limits permitted by law.

Art. 9

Processing of personal data and manager of the procedure

EU Regulation 2016/679, the General Data Protection Regulation, is applicable to the candidates' personal data processing.

The Data Controller of the personal data provided by the interested parties is the Scuola Normale Superiore, a public university institute, located in Piazza dei Cavalieri, 7 Pisa - 56126, in the person of its Director and pro tempore legal representative.

Applicants' personal data will be collected by the Scuola for the purposes of the selection/admission procedure and will be processed for the fulfilment of the same, and, for successful applicants, for the subsequent career management of the PhD students and all connected activities.

Personal data are thus provided to the SNS for the performance of tasks of public interest or at any rate connected to the exercising of its public powers, including the purposes of archiving, historical research and analysis for statistical purposes. Personal data will be processed, also with automated tools (software and databases administered by the SNS and hosted by any contracting entities), in compliance with the principles of accountability, lawfulness, correctness, minimization, transparency, integrity, accuracy, confidentiality and proportionality..

The personal data collected will be communicated or transferred to third parties (public and / or private parties) in the context of institutional relations, for the fulfilment of legal obligations or regulations or of contracts, within the services required by the SNS (access to facilities, etc.).

The personal data collected may be communicated or transferred to parties established in third countries, but only if suitable data protection guarantees and conditions have been ascertained.

The personal data collected will be published on the official online register and on the SNS's institutional website if specified by the law and other regulations of the SNS.

The personal data collected will be processed and stored for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which they have been collected, with the application of the regulations concerning documentation storage by public institutions.

The data subject may at all times exercise the following rights:

- a) access to personal data, under the terms and conditions of Art. 15 of the Regulations;
- b) the rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of personal data, under the terms and conditions of Articles 16-18 of the Regulations; erasure is not permitted for data included in any documents that the SNS is required to keep;
- c) the portability of data, under the terms and conditions of Art. 20 of the Regulations;
- d) objection to the processing of his or her data, under Article 21 of the Regulations;
- e) the right to submit a complaint to the Data Protection Authority, by sending a request to the e-mail address privacy@sns.it or via PEC (certified e-mail) to the e-mail address protocollo@pec.sns.it.

For any further information, please contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO), at the e-mail address dpo@sns.it

Art. 10

Final provisions and referrals, information

The head of the Teaching Activities Service, Dr. Silvia Marcacci, is the administrative manager of the procedure.