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The world is currently witnessing a significant transformation in the way companies operate, driven by the integration of digitalization and sustainability. While this change holds the promise of improved business performance, it also presents a range of new challenges that transcend national and continental boundaries. These challenges are complex, have far-reaching impacts, and are defined by significant uncertainties. As such, addressing them requires extensive international research collaboration.

To tackle these challenges, this PhD academy provides young scholars with a unique opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills in the emerging field of global corporate law. The program is designed to offer a comprehensive curriculum that includes a series of lectures and workshops that explore globally significant questions, including those that address important phenomena and events that are relevant to communities worldwide.

The PhD Academy aims to help participants develop their abilities to identify, collect, and analyze credible information from a range of local, national, and international sources, including those in multiple languages. They will also be taught to recognize that their perspective is shaped by their unique experiences and to compare and contrast their views with those of others. Additionally, the program will equip participants with the skills to articulate the significance of their questions and to respond to them effectively by drawing on credible information from a variety of sources. Through the PhD Academy, participants will gain practical experience in tackling the challenges of the digital and sustainable economy.

This PhD Academy is led by:

- University of Padua, Italy
- University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy
- University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy
- Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
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Topics

- The Law of Sustainable Corporations
- The Impact of ITC on Business Institutions, Investments and Business Contracts with a view on Consumer Protection
- The European Union's role in a changing world
- Digital Sovereignty: Resilience and Economic Growth
- AI, blockchain and the Law

Learning outcomes for participants

The program is designed to equip participants with advanced skills that are essential for successfully implementing their research projects on issues related to corporate law and business law in the digital and green transition era and other global challenges. The program aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the emerging trends and issues at a global level, while also encouraging them to take advantage of IT, particularly AI generative tools. It also aims to foster critical thinking, collaboration, and networking skills, as well as scientific communication and divulgation skills. At a higher level, the program aims to promote the development of a new generation of "activist legal scholars" who can use the methods of international legal scholarship to promote the SDGs goals and persuade the wider community.

Soft skills workshops are also offered to cover important topics:

- How to write a Law Paper in English
- Publishing Your Papers in a high impact international journal: Optimizing Law Review Submissions
- How to Communicate Effectively in Global Contexts: language and technology
- How to submit and manage an International Collaborative Research Project
- Generative AI for legal research

Who can apply?

This international PhD Academy is offered to PhD students, post-docs, and junior researchers with background in Corporate Law; Private Law; Financial Law; Comparative and International Law; Economics; Management.

Fees & Grant Support

Full fee waiver scholarships are available for students from VIU member institutions. In addition, grant support is available to support partially or fully the costs of international travel. Accommodation is provided free of charge. The participation fee for students of non-member institutions is Euro 1.100 (incl. VAT). The fee is inclusive of tuition, course materials, accommodation, lunches, social events, and taxes. Students from non-member institutions are not eligible for VIU grant support. VIU Alumni are eligible for a reduced fee.

Call for applications

January 15 - May 10, 2025
via the VIU website

Applicants must submit the (1) application form, (2) a letter of motivation – which should include a short bio and a brief description of the candidate's research project, (3) a curriculum vitae and (4) a photo.

For further information: phdacademy@univiu.org

VIU International PhD Academies

Venice International University is a consortium of 23 institutions, representing 14 countries throughout the world.

The mission of VIU is to foster cooperation among VIU member institutions while facilitating the exchange of knowledge and ideas, by developing, promoting, and organizing joint academic, research and training/capacity-building program. Students from non-member universities may participate in selected academic programs.

The academic programs at VIU are distinguished by a markedly interdisciplinary approach to the topics, and by the international perspectives that the participants contribute to the discussions. The VIU campus is on the island of San Servolo in Venice, Italy.

Venice International University holds two/three International PhD Academies each year. They are intensive training opportunities open to PhD candidates from the member universities of VIU.

A PhD is the highest diploma awarded by universities in the world, and PhDs are naturally expected to take on major responsibilities in their professional life. Apart from the disciplinary scientific skills acquired during doctoral study and research, it is the ability to respond to the requirements of creativity, innovation, and project management, that produce the significant added value of a doctoral degree.

Whether they will work within or outside academia, PhDs must be able to develop a forward-looking vision of the challenges they have to face. The interdisciplinary approach of all VIU activities is adopted also in the PhD Academy, where the participants have the opportunity to meet their peers from all over the world, and to tackle transversal topics.

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