
Call for scholarships for the summer school
Agapic action and social reality:
sociological imagination to promote development, to build future
December 11-14 2017 Igarassu – Pernambuco, Brazil

The international research network *Social-One* invites young researchers to apply for one of the 18 scholarships for taking part to the summer school *Agapic action and social reality: sociological imagination to promote development, to build future*, which will take place at the Cittadella Santa Maria – Igarassu - Pernambuco (Brazil), 11-14 December 2017.

The summer school is organized by Social-One, in collaboration with the department of Sociology of the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco and the Centro Universitário Tabosa de Almeida ASCES - UNITA. The scholarships are divided as follows:

- 9 scholarships of €100 each, for candidates based in Brazil;
- 6 scholarships of €150 each, for candidates from other countries in Latin America (except Brazil);
- 3 scholarships of €400 each, for candidates from other geographical areas (except Latin America).

1. Summer school's topic: agapic action and social reality

The summer school is promoted by the Social-One international research network, a team of sociologists and social service experts which is inherently inspired by Chiara Lubich's charisma of unity.

In the last years, Social-one's researches focused on the social dimension of love today, with several publications and research products on the topic (Iorio 2014; 2015; Araújo et al. 2015; Araújo et al. 2016; Martins, Cataldi 2016). Drawing on Luc Boltanski *L'amour et la justice comme compétences* (1990), these researches proposed to broaden the typological repertoire of social actions, available from the classical sociological thought, with a new conceptual category tied to *agape*. This path have been already traced by major social scientists, such as Simmel (1907; 1921; 1989; 2001), Sorokin (1954), Giddens (1995) and Luhman (1987). On these giants' shoulders, it was possible to observe the historical transformations of the concept of love. Nevertheless, the agape-love is a novelty for the social sciences: agape has indeed some emerging characteristics, which at the same time annex and transcend love conceived as *philia* or *eros*, defining a new empirical category for reading the social world, based on unconditional love towards the other.

On this ground, the Social-One group has defined agape—love as: “a social action, relation or interaction in which the persons exceed (in giving, receiving, in not returning or not doing, in giving up) all the antecedents, and therefore, offering more than the situation would require with the aim of providing benefits (Iorio 2015, p. 25).

2. The summer school

The school will take place December 11-14 2017, at the Cittadella Santa Maria - Igarassu – Pernambuco, Brazil. Its aim is to fathom the perspectives of analysis and actions aroused by the category of agapic love in the framework of the social sciences and humanities, believing that the concept could provide new interpretations and perspectives of interventions for the promotion of a society based on equity, inclusiveness and dialogue.

3. Abstracts

During the summer school, senior and early career researchers will present their contributions, for this reason it is expected that candidates who apply for a scholarship submit an abstract of their presentation, together with the required documents (see point 6).

The abstract must link the research interests of the applicant to the concept of agape, it must not exceed the 400 words and include bibliographic references.

Applicants are encouraged to submit empirical contributions that combine theory, research and action. Papers that will be able to combine sociological and social work perspectives with multidisciplinary insights will be particularly appreciated.

4. Requirements

The present call is addressed to candidates whose interests are in line with the topic of the agapic action in social sciences, and at the same time that have acquired good empirical research skills.

The summer school's languages will be Italian, Portuguese and English, applicants will be requested to present their contributions in one of these languages.

The call is addressed to undergraduate students, PhD students and post-doctoral researchers in the social sciences with empirical approach. The call is also opened to young sociologists and/or professionals in the field of social services working for public or private organizations or currently looking for employment.

5. Conditions for granting the scholarship

The amount of the scholarships are €100 each for applicants based in Brazil, €150 each for applicants from other countries of Latin America, €400 each for applicants based outside Latin America.

In order to get full access to the economic contribution the participants are expected to:

1. Participate actively to all the activities of the summer school
2. Do a presentation according to the theme of the summer school (see points 1, 2, 3 and the general call of the summer school) and following one of the two research streams of the school: 1) acapic action, social identities and post-colonialism; 2) agapic action and social inequalities. Full paper are not required.

The scholarship will cover accommodation, meals and inscription fee, it will be paid entirely during or after the summer school.

6. How to apply

The application must include the following documents:

1. A cover letter which must include motivations and strengths of the candidate, as well as the reasons why the candidate aspire to participate to the summer school;
2. A detailed CV in English with educational experiences, completed or in course of completion, professional experiences and possible publications. The CV must also include personal and contact details (name, surname, date of birth, residence, e-mail address and telephone number with international code);
3. A short reference letter by an expert/professional in the field of social sciences;
4. An extended abstract of the contribution that the applicant intend to present during the summer school (for the abstract rules see points 3 and 5);
5. All the documents must be sent to info@social-one.org. In the e-mail object insert "scholarship application". The application deadline is 20 august 2017.

All the applications will be examined by an internal commission of members of the organizing partners, the results of the application will be communicated to the applicants by 20 September 2017.