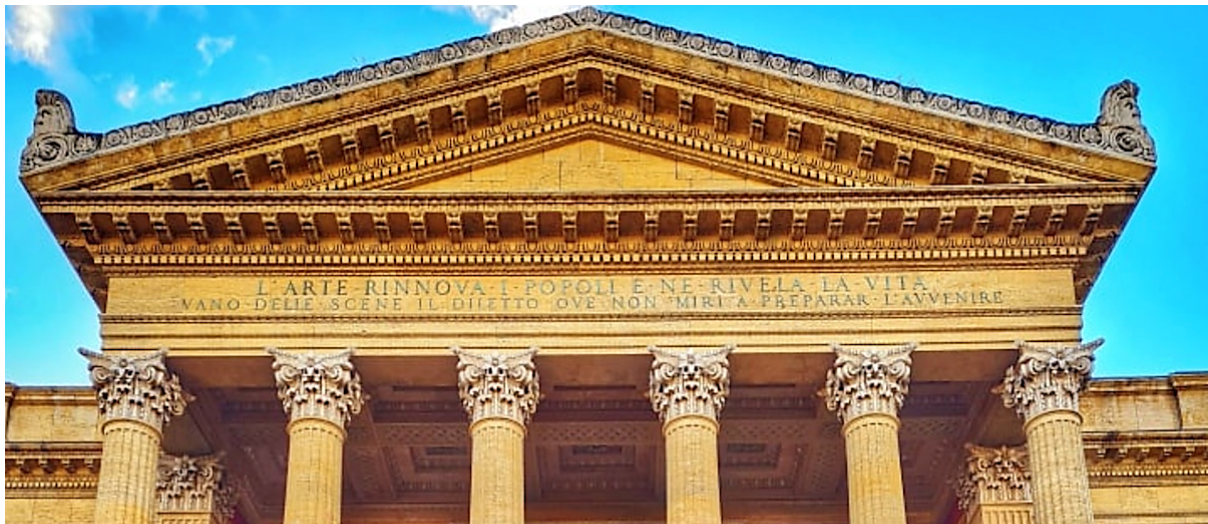




European Sociological Association PhD Summer School 2025

Università degli Studi di Palermo (Italy)

Palermo (Italy), 8-10 September 2025



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Minorities and Marginalities:

From Discrimination Towards more Equal Societies

Focus:

Special attention at the ESA 2025 Summer School will be devoted to research on/with minorities, marginalized groups and individuals whose rights have been denied, both historically and in the present time. As multiple empirical instances demonstrate, a marginal positionality might stem from diverse axes connected with ethnical background, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, migrant's status, experiences of being estranged, and 'otherness' of any kind. Contributions dealing with classical and newer conceptualizations of marginality, exclusion, deprivation, discrimination, invisibility, and similar concepts are warmly welcome. The same holds for various methodological approaches, qualitative, quantitative, mixed, creative, aimed at grasping marginality as a challenging social and sociological issue.

The program will also include training in peer review. This is an important aspect of academic work and we will focus on analyzing aims, elements, challenges, ethical concerns, and other relevant features of peer review, in order to improve the peer reviewing capabilities of early career scholars. Last, but not least, the summer school nurtures opportunities for networking with doctoral fellows all around Europe.

Number of places: We will select **25 PhD students** for the School. An additional set of 5 candidates will be included in a waiting list.

Format of event: on-site

Funding: Funds will be provided for 3 nights' accommodation (8-11 September, 2025 – located near by the summer school venue) and meals in Palermo (booked by ESA). Up to **350,00 Euro** will be available to each student towards their travel costs (reimbursement after the event). Please, bear on mind that ESA promotes and encourages using of a more sustainable and environmental friendly types of transport whenever convenient for reaching an event's venue.

Eligibility: Students registered for a PhD in Sociology or allied discipline in a European University. Students must be an ESA member or become an ESA member before the Summer School:

<https://www.europeansociology.org/membership/become-a-member>

Selection: Participants will be selected following a peer-review process and on the basis of scientific excellence of their proposed abstract. A fair balance between different regions of Europe and areas of sociology will also be considered.

Guidelines for applications: Please send a short **CV** (max. 3 pages) and an **abstract** of your paper (**300 words max**) by January 31st, 2025.

Your CV should contain at the beginning:

- Full Name
- Academic affiliation (department, university)
- Country (where registered for PhD)
- Year of the PhD programme
- E-mail address
- Phone number
- Name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of your main supervisor

Your abstract should contain the following subheadings:

- Title of paper
- Keywords (up to 4)
- Research question
- Theoretical framework
- Methodology (if empirical paper)
- Preliminary findings or conclusions

- The novel contribution and significance of your research.

Applications (in a single PDF file) must be **submitted to** communication@europeansociology.org **by January 31st 2025.**

The list of participants will be announced **by March 15th 2025.**

If you are selected you will be required to **submit a manuscript of a full paper (6000 words max., including footnotes and bibliography) by 15th May 2025** to communication@europeansociology.org . This is essential to ensure that participants get the most of this program. Papers will be circulated in advance and allocated to peer discussants.

We kindly ask you to apply only if you accept these terms of conditions and are prepared to follow the guidelines and deadlines.

Summer School's instructors are members of the ESA Executive committee:

Milica Antić Gaber (Slovenia), Nilay Kaya (Turkey), Marilena Macaluso (Italy), Maggie O'Neil (Ireland), Ana-Cristina Santos (Portugal), Ana Vidu (Spain), Krešimir Žažar (Croatia), and ESA's President Kaja Gadowska (Poland).

The Venue at the University of Palermo, Dipartimento Culture e Società, Viale delle Scienze, building 15, 90128 Palermo.



Social events: Common welcome dinner on Monday September 8. The optional excursion (at own expenses for tickets to visit the monuments) to UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Palermo (itinerary called Arab-Norman Palermo) it is scheduled for early afternoon on Monday September 8. A free walking tour in Palermo city centre is scheduled for on afternoon Tuesday September, 9.



For further information:

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We are looking forward to reading your application to the ESA's Summer School 2025!