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International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society

In order to strengthen the scientific partnership between the University of Padua, the University of Eastern Piedmont and the International University of Rabat, and to promote academic training and scientific cooperation between the countries of Europe and the Islamic world within the framework of the activities of the international scientific network PriMEDNetwork (https://www.primednetwork. eu/), the sixth Edition of the International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society - IMRPGS has recently been launched for the academic year 2026-2027.

Presentation

The idea of the "International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society - IMRPGS" was born within the framework of a consolidated scientific cooperation, thanks to the PriMED network (composed of 22 universities: 12 Italian and 10 belonging to the OIC-Organization of Islamic Cooperation https://primed-miur.it), founded within the framework of the action of the "Prevention and Interaction Project in the Trans-Mediterranean Space" PriMED, which was financed through the Call for Applications of the Italian Ministry of University and Research MUR-OCI-2018 "Creation of networks of Italian universities in the implementation of cooperation agreements between Italian universities and those of OIC-Organization of Islamic Cooperation States" (Executive Decree No. 3089 of 16/11/2018 - ID 82382).

The intense framework of the scientific activities of the PriMED Project, but also the various actions addressed to the public sectors and civil society (the professional training of various professional categories, including those of a religious nature, its training activities aimed at a wider public concerning the phenomenon of violent radicalisation and strategies to combat it), have promoted the development of this international study path, involving three units of the PriMED network, with the collaboration of professors from other units in other countries.

The project also enhances the experience of three rounds (2017-2020) of the "Master in Religions, Politics and Citizenship" (https://irc-fidr.it/master-religions-politics-and-citizenship/), implemented by the University of Eastern Piedmont and the University of Padua, with the collaboration of the Instituto de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores de Granada. The new didactic proposal, the IMRPGS, in fact, is conceived as the continuation of this last Master, but brought to a higher degree of internationalization with the entry of the International University of Rabat.

In Memory of Professor Adone Brandalise

A Visionary Mind, an Eternal Legacy

The International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society (IMRPGS) dedicates this edition to Professor Adone Brandalise, a pillar of our academic community and an extraordinary guide, who passed away this year.

Professor Brandalise was a master of complexity. With unparalleled philosophical depth and sharp intellect, he taught us to look beyond cultural and religious boundaries, decoding the subtle ties between identity, politics, and thought.

His commitment to this Master reflected his lifelong devotion to critical thinking and intercultural dialogue. He did not just teach; he inspired a profound respect for human diversity and global complexity.

"To honor his memory is to carry forward his mission: to challenge certainties, to bridge divisions, and to look at the world with rigorous intellect and deep empathy."

His passion and vision remain woven into the very fabric of this program. We continue our journey guided by his light, ensuring his intellectual legacy lives on through our students.

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Objectives and target audience

The International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society aims to advance an educational proposal closely linked to an original interdisciplinary scientific activity, which outlines a set of skills to feed paths of generalized good practices. The didactic program aims to equip students with the methodological tools necessary to access the world of knowledge of philosophy and social, human and political sciences with the aim of understanding and analyzing the complex relationship between religion and politics in the context of globalized societies and its correlation with issues of citizenship, freedoms, pluralism, development and social peace.

The Master's program also pays particular attention to the social and cultural presence of Islam in Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, particularly with regard to the current major geopolitical and international issues, in order to train researchers, as well as consultants in public and private administrations, managers and supervisors in the fields of civil society, social services and cultural mediation as well as education execu- tives in the fields related to the Master's disciplines.

The Master's program also aims to train researchers in political philosophy, social sciences, and religious thought, by following the scientific method that entitles them to approach issues of cultural pluralism, religious coexistence and Islamic movements in Europe and the Arab world, and allows them to manage difference, diversity and coexistence, by adopting a critical, multidisciplinary and intercultural approach.

These skills therefore lend themselves to being valued (not only in the sectors already indicated, but also in the sphere of NGOs) allowing graduates to exercise not only executive functions but also planning, intervention, action research and training, which are particularly relevant for agencies operating in the field of relations between Europe and Arab-Muslim countries.

Pedagogical approach

The Master's programme provides for the use of educationally innovative teaching methods based on:
• The evaluation of the knowledge and experience developed by the student, in accordance with the theoretical model of "community practice".
• Evaluation of work experiences and daily life.
• The effective participation of students according to the "cooperative learning" approach.
To achieve these objectives, the International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society - IMRPGS brings together a faculty composed of eminent professors from the University of Padua, the University of Eastern Piedmont and the International University of Rabat as well as professors from other Arab and European universities.

A path to international education with a dual-degree

At the end of the study path, students who have completed the activities, fulfilled their obligations and passed the final exam, will receive two Master's degrees:

1) Master's of 1st level: "INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN RELIGION, POLITICS AND GLOBAL SOCIETY - IMRPGS", granted jointly by the University of Eastern Piedmont and the University of Padua, of 60 university credits (ECTS) in accordance with Decree 22.10.2004 n. 270. (1 ECTS = 25 hours).

2) Executive Master's: "INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN RELIGION, POLITICS AND GLOBAL SOCIETY – IMRPGS", granted by the International University of Rabat, authorized by the Moroccan Ministry of Higher Education to issue the Executive Master's Degree under license No. 01/390 to 22/11/2011.

Partner academic institution

UNIVERSITY OF PADUA

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA

The University of Padua is a leading research institution that has been the engine of global change since its founding in 1222. True to its motto Universa Universis Patavina Libertas (the freedom of Padua is universal for everyone), it has always been a bastion of free thought, study and research.

For eight centuries, students, researchers and elders have made key contributions to the advancement of knowledge, science and society: Nicolaus Copernicus and Galileo Galilei are among the fathers of modern science, Andreas Vesalius and William Harvey founded modern medicine and Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia became the first woman in the world to graduate in 1678. The University of Padua is today a multidisciplinary institution with 8 schools and 32 departments offering a wide and complete portfolio of programs, ranging from engineering to commercial and political sciences, from medicine to humanities, from psychology to agriculture, from law to science.

Some departments are in the city center of Padua. Other research and teaching facilities are located in various cities of the Veneto region, such as Vicenza, Treviso, Rovigo, Chioggia-Venice, etc. Students have the opportunity to establish ongoing relationships and pursue their personal, academic and professional development. Graduates are global citizens who succeed in all professional fields and bring their expertise and dedication to excellence in the world.

A degree from the University of Padua is recognized as a prestigious achievement in the labour market worldwide. The University is also the academic and cultural heart of Italy's industrious northeast, offering highly specialized training to the region's more than 5 million inhabitants and its 400000 companies, a role made possible by its extensive network of campuses located throughout the Veneto Region.

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF RABAT

THE INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF RABAT

The International University of Rabat is a model of innovative University, which is today a benchmark both nationally and internationally.

The UIR is the first Moroccan university to be created as part of a partnership with the Moroccan state in the field of higher education.

This partnership allows it to work towards achieving its objectives of excellence, training, research and participation in the socio-economic development of Morocco and the African continent.

The strength of the commitment of the UIR's international academic partners allows us to offer Moroccan and foreign students high-level training which, leads some to receive a double degree.

The International University of Rabat considers partnerships based on trust and mutual respect, and based on the convergence of ambitions, interests and vision, towards excellence, innovation and social and economic progress.

Since its creation in September 2010, the International University of Rabat currently has partnerships with 146 universities in 37 countries on five continents, including 40 Erasmus+ partnerships that are all active. These partnerships relate to student and faculty mobility, research, and in certain specific cases, dual degrees.

UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN PIEDMONT "AMEDEO - AVOGADRO"

UNIVERSITÀ DEL PIEMONTE ORIENTALE

The University of Eastern Piedmont is a leading Italian public university.

In addition to its eminent scientific committee, it is also characterized by the extent of its branches, established in the cities of Alessandria, Novara and Vercelli. Founded in 1998, its very discontinuous history can be traced back to a medieval Studium of Vercelli, on April 4, 1228.

The modern history of the University of Eastern Piedmont begins when a joint initiative launched by the Great Hospital of Vercelli and the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Turin led to the establishment of parallel university courses in Vercelli and, shortly thereafter, in Novara. The official birth of the University of Eastern Piedmont “Amedeo Avogadro”, after a period of didactic activity under the aegis of the University of Turin, dates to July 30, 1998.

CENTRE FOR INTERUNIVERSITY RESEARCH, INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON RELIGIONS AND DEMOCRACY (FIDR)

Forum Internazionale Democrazia & Religioni
Centro di Ricerca Interuniversitario

With a view to collaboration between universities, civil society, public institutions and cultural associations, the FIDR Interuniversity Centre an inter-university structure that belongs to the Italian public academic system, reflects on the role assumed by religions in European liberal democracies and addresses in an interdisciplinary way the issues of coexistence in societies with a high rate of ethno-national and religious pluralism.

The conviction that the secular state does not mean indifference to the religious phenomenon requires reflection on the complex dynamics between secular humanism and religious humanism present in different forms in various continents. The objective of the FIDR Centre is therefore to study the dynamics of pluralistic societies and to seek the preconditions for a shared ethos capable of ensuring sufficient social cohesion. The various projects developed within the FIDR focus on a series of issues such as: the new frontiers of secularism; shared values in a multicultural society; problems of loyalty between the state and religious and cultural realities; the economic costs of diversity; the foundations of social peace.
https://irc-fidr.it

CENTRE FOR GLOBAL STUDIES (CGS)

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The Center for Global Studies (CGS) is an esteemed research entity affiliated with the International University of Rabat's College of Law, Political & Social Sciences. It thrives in a dynamic world of change, where local-global interactions shape diverse research pursuits. The diverse team of permanent researchers employs legal, anthropological, sociological, and political approaches to untangle complex realities amid temporal acceleration, spatial reduction, and virtualization.

CGS values collaboration, fostering research partnerships with colleagues and international institutions through a dedicated platform. It actively engages in applied research with various partners. Additionally, it promotes academic production through doctoral research, hosting African and international researchers, and supporting scientific publications.

CGS aspires to be a leading structure in Humanities and Social Sciences, contributing to an international research network. With forty permanent researchers, doctoral students, and associate researchers, CGS nurtures a vibrant multidisciplinary community focused on joint research and publications, aiming to become a significant reference for research on the Mediterranean's southern shore.
https://www.uir.ac.ma/fr/pole/Center-for-Global-Studies

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Master's programme

The Master's program consists of 12 modules distributed as follows:

- Socio-anthropology of Religion and Politics (6 ECTS)
- History and philosophy of religions (4 ECTS)
- Political Philosophy and History of Political thought (2 ECTS)
- Religion and Law in Contemporary Societies (4 ECTS)
- Islamic Studies and Plural societies (4 ECTS)
- Globalization Processes (6 ECTS)
- Cultural Diversity, Religious Pluralism and Intercultural Mediation (3 ECTS)
- Religions and Migration (3 ECTS)
- Religion, Market and New Media (2 ECTS)
- Religion, State, and Civil Society (6 ECTS)
- Religious Extremism and Violence in the Contemporary world (7 ECTS)
- Political Science: Introduction to Future Studies (2 ECTS)

Teaching methods

Teaching is carried out using different teaching methods with a participatory approach and according to a hybrid system. The didactic activities (lessons, seminars and workshops) are therefore structured on two learning tools: classroom and e-learning platform (Moodle system, zoom video conferences, social network). Three actors are involved: teacher, tutor and student. Distance teaching activities are also provided (e-learning, social network). It is organized in presence (according to the formula of weeks in full immersion) and remotely.

	ECTS	Total Hours
Modules	49	1,225
Hands-on learning (Project work)	6	150
Examinations, Research Thesis and Defense	5	125
Total	60	1,500

Conditions of candidature

- The students must be in possession of a university degree: License or Bachelor's degree (or equivalent)
- A sufficient knowledge of English and Arabic for the course activities.
- It is considered an asset to be employed in public or private bodies or organizations and/or to be engaged in voluntary work (secular or religious), particularly in the field of intercultural and social dialogue.

When?
The Master is completed in one academic year beginning in **December 2026**

Registration deadline
August 28, 2026, 12:00 p.m. (Rome time)

Credits
The Master consists of **60 credits (ECTS)** (according to the European Standard System).

For whom is this master?
The Master is dedicated to any person that is interested in the subjects of the program, from all disciplines (Bachelor or license degree holders).

Languages of the master

Teaching at the master's level is based on Arabic as the main language, with courses and lectures in English.
Regarding the work of the research thesis and the Project Work, the student can choose between Arabic and English, or both, compatibly with the working language of the supervisor chosen from the list of faculty of this Master.

Application and admission

For pre-registration,
click here (https://cutt.ly/nyolmWa7)
or scan QR code

- Online application form to be filled out in **English only**
- Copy of university degree(s) and copies of other diplomas supporting the candidacy file.
- Curriculum Vitae (signed) (**in English language**).
- Copy of passport.
- Legalized declaration of competence in English (for Arabic speakers) or Arabic (for non-Arabic speakers), accompanied by diplomas and/or referenced certificates.
- Copies of other diplomas supporting the application file

*All attached files must be in PDF format only..

Registration and tuition fees

The registration and tuition fees for the course are set at €6000.
The fees include the full master's academic programme, teaching materials, access to the IMRPGS e-learning platform for the duration of the programme and other costs related to the implementation of the programme.

Registration and tuition fees are to be paid to the International University of Rabat.

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Moroccan Bank details

Bank Account Numbers
BIC (SWIFT code) of the main bank: RDGCMAMRXXX

• **Transfer from Morocco:**
Bank: CDG Capital
Bank account: 054-810-0101001200359016-56
Beneficiary: UIR FMSH

• **Transfer from abroad:**
IBAN: MA640548100101001200359016 56
Beneficiary: UIR FMSH

Foreign bank details

• **EURO**
Name of the Intermediate Bank: CREDIT AGRICOLE
City of the Intermediate Bank: PARIS
BIC (SWIFT code) of the intermediary bank: AGRIFRPPXXX

• **USD**
Name of the Intermediary Bank: Standard Chartered NY City of Intermediate Bank: NEW YORK
BIC (SWIFT code) of the intermediary bank: SCBLUS33XXX

The Anatomical Theatre of Palazzo del Bo, Padua. Built in 1594, it is the world's oldest permanent anatomical theatre, standing as a symbol of the medical and scientific tradition of the Paduan University.

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Registration documents

- Registration form.
- University Degree (License or Bachelor's Degree or equivalent; min. 3 years), legalized by the Consular Service of the Embassy of Italy in the country where the degree was issued (if the certificate is not issued by an Italian university institution).
- Italian translation of the University Degree legalized by the Consular Service of the Embassy of Italy in the country where the degree was issued.
- Certificate of "Value" of University Degree, called: "Dichiarazione del valore del titolo di studio" issued by the Consular Service of the Embassy of Italy of the country of residence.
- Receipt of registration in the Italian University System https://www.universitaly.it.
- Passport copy.

MAXIMUM NUMBER METHOD OF SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

The maximum number of students who can enroll in the course is set at 55 units.
The aspiring students will be selected by a Commission on the basis of the curriculum vitae (relevance of the university degree in relation to the specificity of the Master, university degree grade, professional experience, qualifications other than those required for access to the course, type of thesis, etc.) and possible selection interviews by telematic means.

According to art. 10 and art. 11 of the agreement between the three partner universities in this Master, the International University of Rabat, manages the aspects relating to registration fees and financial assistance. Scholarships are awarded to certain students on the basis of merit and economic conditions, to cover all or part of the registration fees.
Candidates must produce evidence of academic excellence and evidence of socio-economic needs. The financial support programs will be of two types.
Candidates are entitled tochoose only one type of Scholarship:
A) **Full coverage of university tuition fees: (€6000);**
Or
B) **Partial coverage of 50% of the registration fee (€3000).**

A study prize of € 1000 is awarded to the student with the highest score.
It should be noted that the decision on the scholarships will be taken by a committee which will assess the scholarship applications independently from the normal registration procedures. Any request for a scholarship requires a procedure specific to the committee. In the event that the scholarship is not awarded, the committee is not held responsible for the candidate's return to the admitted list or to the same position in case of the candidates who are on the waiting list.
The committee cannot also be held responsible for the impossibility
of registration and does not have to justify its selection criteria or its non-award of scholarships.

scholarship application form

Application form:
https://cutt.ly/7yolGe2o

financial aid

Administrative headquarters and management

The University of Piedmont Oriental, in accordance with its rules of procedure as well as university regulations in general, manages the IMRPGS Master administratively. It takes care of the educational path of the students and collaborates with the International University of Rabat collecting applications from interested parties and applications for registration.

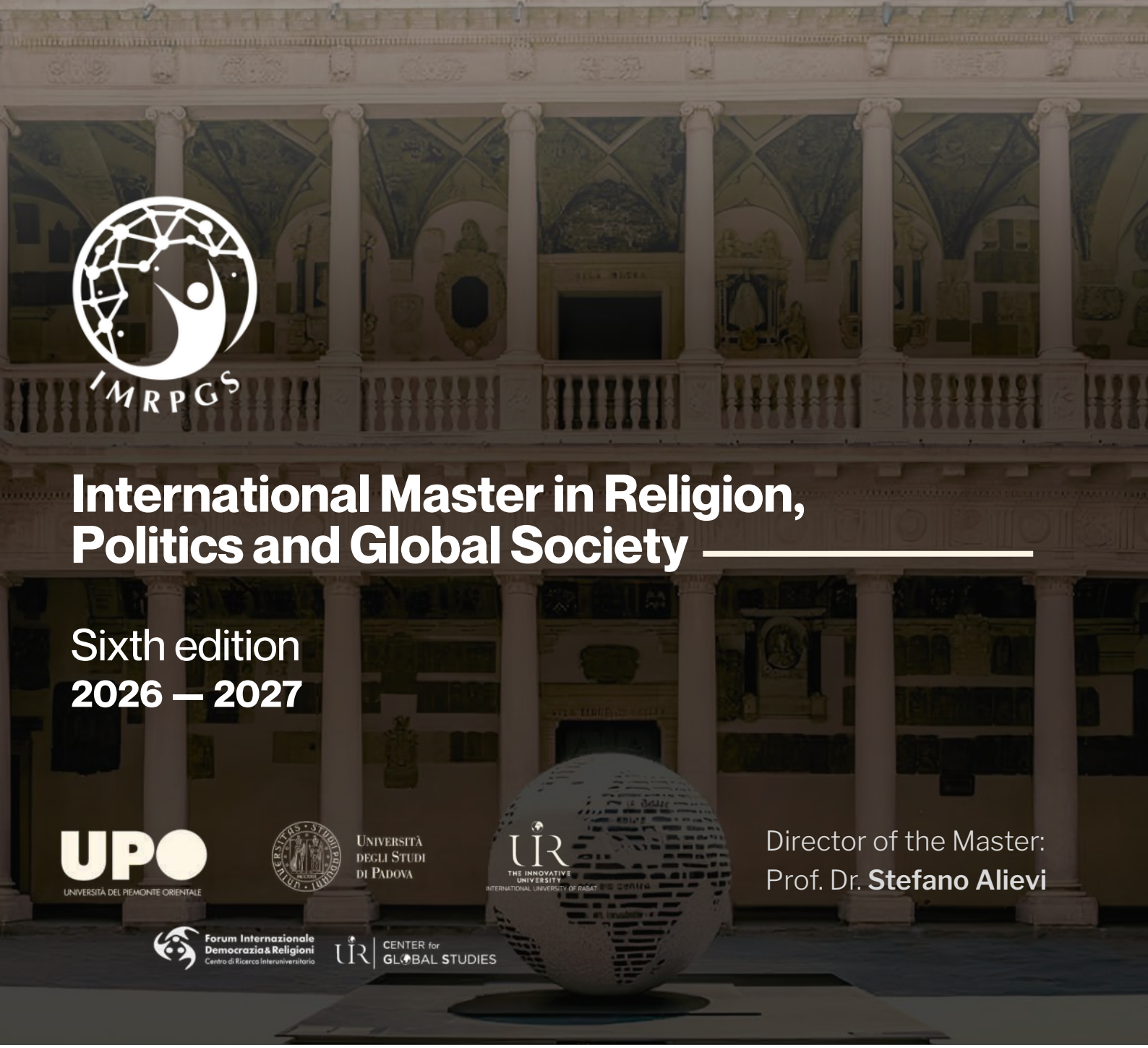
Place of education

The master is accomplished at the University of Padua: FISPPA Department- Seat of Sociology
Via Cesarotti 12, 35123 Padua, Italy

The master is accomplished at the University of Padua. The student has the choice between residing in the city of Padua and therefore benefiting from his university space, interacting with his students and masters, and studying at a distance but with the obligation to follow the face-to-face lessons for two weeks (according to the formula full immersion), at the beginning and at the end of the master's program.

contact

For more information, please contact us:
https://cutt.ly/WyolKzR7



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