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### **What is it?**

The VIU Summer School on Age Criterion in the Allocation of Limited Resources During a Pandemic is an initiative of VIU in partnership with its member universities Ca' Foscari University of Venice, the University of Padova, Tor Vergata University of Rome, and KU Leuven.

The program offers students and early career researchers the opportunity to critically reflect, with the help of highly qualified experts, on topical issues that raise ethical and deontological dilemmas, relating to ageing and end of life. A fundamental feature of the School concerns its method, which is characterized by a continuous and intense interdisciplinary exchange between doctors, philosophers, economists, jurists, psychiatrists and sociologists.

During this second edition, the course will focus on the problem of patient triage during the Covid-19 pandemic. In fact, in the most dramatic phases of the pandemic and in the most affected areas there were no ventilators for everyone and other medical aids were lacking. The rationing of medical resources has raised concerns of various kinds, which have triggered wide-ranging reflections, in the medical, philosophical, economic, legal, sociological fields.

One of the most discussed and debated criteria for access to intensive care was based on the age of the patients.

### **Who is it for?**

Undergraduates, graduates, PhD students and post-doc scholars in philosophy, political sciences, sociology, social work, economics, statistics sciences and medicine, but also professionals in the pharmaceutical and ageing care industries.

### **Which are the main activities?**

- Presentations in the fields of bioethics, psychiatrics, sociology, moral philosophy, philosophy of science, biomedicine, geriatrics, epidemiology, patient care, health economics, public health, demography and history of art;
- Interactive sessions, such as "tutoring sessions", aimed at giving participants the opportunity to discuss their own research ideas with senior speakers in individual or

small group meetings.

### **Who is the faculty?**

The following scientists and researchers will contribute to the 2022 Summer School on Age Criterion in the Allocation of Limited Resources During a Pandemic:

**Agar Brugiavini**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice & Venice International University, IT (Scientific Coordinator)

**Ester Brunet**, Theological Faculty of Padua, IT

**Antonio Da Re**, University of Padova, IT

**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**, Universidade dos Açores, PT

**Chris Gastmans**, KU Leuven, BE

**John Harris**, University of Manchester, UK

**Matti Häyry**, Aalto University, FI

**Giovanni Leonetti**, Tor Vergata University of Rome, IT

**Andrea Nicolussi**, Catholic University of Milan, IT

**Mario Picozzi**, Insubria University of Varese, IT

**Stefano Semplici**, Tor Vergata University of Rome, IT

**Fabrizio Turolto**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, IT (Scientific Coordinator)

### **What will you learn?**

The course allows students, researchers and professionals from various fields to hone important skills that are located in an interdisciplinary terrain. Professional ethics and deontology are in fact transversal sectors, useful and necessary in the most diverse professional contexts.

Jurists, philosophers, economists, sociologists and political scientists will have the opportunity to test different perspectives of thought and different theoretical systems in the light of extremely important and current case studies.

Healthcare professionals will be able to reflect on the various implications that their decisions entail and which often go beyond the strictly sanitary sphere.

### **What's special about the Summer School?**

Attending the school means developing transversal competences since the approach is multidisciplinary, and those who have a specific philosophical, economic or sociological background will know more about medical advances in ageing research and ethical issues related to the care of the elderly, learning the specific language in which MDs deal with these issues as well.

High-level policy makers or officials who may also take part in this program will be able to learn how to connect issues between the health dimension of ageing and the ethic, legal and economic ones.

### **What's the relevance of the School?**

Ageing population is a major concern for many European countries. Ageing is a complex process involving several dimensions, from the health one to the socio-economic context. In order to achieve a better understanding of how to guarantee successful ageing in Europe, it is crucial to take account jointly of these different dimensions, and to develop ethically sustainable welfare models that enhance the resource aspect of an ageing population: from labour supply (experience), to family care, etc.

Future generations of researchers will have to address the challenge of ageing with a multidisciplinary background, both in their academic career and in operational activities, and policy making as well. This is true also for firms (and managers) which will have to adjust to an ageing work-force and to make the best of the skills that these workers will offer. It is clear that this research agenda has a huge impact on public finances, ranging from Health care and Long Term care spending, to Pensions and Social Security.

### Application procedure and costs

The Program will admit from a minimum of 12 to a maximum of 30 participants.

Full fee: **€ 400** incl. VAT

Applicants from VIU member universities: **€ 200** incl. VAT

The fee will cover tuition, teaching materials, lunches in the San Servolo cafeteria and social events.

Student participants will be responsible for covering their own travel expenses to and from Venice, local transportation, and evening meals.

### Accommodation costs on campus

Venice International University offers its support to book accommodation on San Servolo Campus, in multiple rooms with other participants for the duration of the Summer School. The cost is **€ 308** for 6 nights. Further information will be available in the Application Form.

### On-line applications

Available from **December 1, 2021** on the VIU website.

Applicants must submit: the Application Form, a brief motivation letter including candidate's interests and research, and a curriculum vitae with photo.

**Deadline:** February 20, 2022

Admitted candidates will be notified by **March 6, 2022**

Payment of the tuition fee and accommodation (if requested) by **March 20, 2022**

### Credits

Number of **ECTS** equivalence: **3**

A Certificate of attendance will be issued at the end of the course.

### Website and application form

<http://www.univiu.org> > Study > Summer/Autumn Schools > The Age Criterion in the Allocation of Limited Resources During a Pandemic.

### Venice International University

Venice International University is a consortium of 20 universities, 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.

*As the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, VIU will continue to monitor the situation. Should the COVID-19 situation prevent international travel or the confirmation of the program on campus as scheduled, other practicable solutions will be evaluated. Applicants and confirmed participants will be informed of any changes.*



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