



Michela Murgia Theses award

“promotion of equal opportunities and the fight against gender-based violence”

Art. 1 – Purpose of the call

In order to promote awareness, as well as studies and researches aimed at preventing acts of violence falling within the scope of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention, 2011), the **Anti-Violence Centers of the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio** (Folcara Campus and Frosinone Campus) in partnership with the social promotion association **COLLETTIVA**, promote the following call for applications to reward bachelor's, master's, and /or specialist degree theses by students of the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio about the cultural, educational, legal, psychological aspects of combating violence against women.

The award aims at:

- a) raising awareness among students and academic staff about equal opportunities and the fight against gender-based violence;
- b) challenge gender stereotypes by engaging younger generations, by promoting critical and proactive reflection on these topics;

Art. 2 – Objectives and topics

Theses must address at least one of the following topics:

- a) gender stereotypes identification and analysis in linguistic practices across different social, academic and professional contexts;
- b) valorisation of women's contribution to scientific and cultural development throughout the centuries;
- c) analysis and study of the collective imagination across different eras and geographical contexts, including its relation to historical and literary imagery, in connection with the cultural perception of female identity;
- d) analysis and evolution of gender relations in contemporary society with a particular regard to pay equity, work/life balance, decision-making representation;
- e) development of the culture of good practises in equal opportunities with specific reference to the inclusion of sex and gender variables in scientific and humanistic research;



- f) analysis of the process of equalisation currently underway in different educational, professional and social contexts;
- g) study of actions aimed at understanding, preventing and eliminating all forms of discrimination (mobbing, harassment, and other related forms of violence) that cause psychological distress;
- h) proposals for systemic and integrated actions in community sectors and contexts to enhance equality within gender diversity;
- i) measures for prevention, intervention and protection against violence against women.

Art. 3 – Eligibility

The Award is open to those who have written and defended a master's or specialist degree thesis on one of the topics in question at the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio between January 1st, 2024 and October 31st, 2025.

Art. 4 – Amount of the Award

The prize amounts to 500,00 euros. The Commission reserves the right not to nominate any winners if the submitted theses do not meet the criteria set forth in Art. 2.

Art. 5 – Application submission procedure and deadline

Applications must be submitted by December 10, 2025, via email to segreteria@apscollettiva.org with the subject line: "Name Surname – THESIS AWARD". The application, written in free format, must include:

1. candidate's surname and name;
2. place and date of birth;
3. postal address, email address and mobile phone number for Call-related communications;
4. candidate's consent to the use of personal data for the sole purposes of managing the selection procedure.

The following documents must be attached to the application:

- a short abstract of the thesis (no more than three pages) summarizing the essential points of the work;
- a pdf copy of the thesis submitted for the Award clearly indicating on the cover page: the University name, candidate's full name, thesis title, supervisor and co-supervisor's names, matriculation number;
- a self-declaration certifying that the thesis submitted for the Award was defended between January 1st, 2024 and October 31st, 2025.

Art. 6 – Evaluation committee

The Committee responsible for evaluating the theses and awarding the Prizes will be multidisciplinary and composed of experts from anti-violence centers, partner organizations and UNICAS Faculty Members.



Art. 7 – Evaluation criteria

The evaluation will be based on 100-point scale distributed as follows:

- pertinence and relevance of the thesis to the topics outlined in the call (35 points max.)
- approach and innovative nature of the analysis (30 points max.)
- originality in presenting interventions, proposals or specific actions and quality of conclusions (20 points max.)
- final grade awarded at the thesis discussion (15 points max.)

Art. 8 – Awarding

The results of the award will be made public in January 2026 and the prize will be transferred to the iban account in the name of the winner.

Art. 9 – Publicity

This announcement will be published on the websites and all social media channels of the Promoting Associations.

Art. 10 Regulations and Privacy

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of this call, which constitutes the official rules of the Award. For further information, please contact the Association COLLETTIVA at segreteria@apscollettiva.org

According to Legislative Decree Np. 196/2003, personal data provided by participants will be collected and processed only for the management of the selection process of the submitted theses. Providing such data is mandatory to verify eligibility for participation.

Cassino,
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