

Michela Murgia Thesis award

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

Second Edition - 2026

Art. 1 – Purpose of the Call

In order to promote awareness, as well as studies and research 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 Women's Support Center of the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio in partnership with the social promotion organization COLLETTIVA announces 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 and psychological aspects of combating gender-based violence.

The award aims to pursue the following objectives:

- a) to raise awareness among the student and academic community about equal opportunities and the fight against gender-based violence;
- b) to fight gender stereotypes by engaging younger generations, by promoting critical and proactive reflection on these topics.

Art. 2 – Objectives and topics

The theses must address at least one of the following topics:

- a) Legal aspects: analysis of national and international legislation on the subject and effectiveness of the protection and intervention measures in place;
- b) Social, cultural and educational aspects: history of women's rights; analysis of the phenomenon of gender-based violence; actions to promote equal opportunities; consequences of trauma on women and minors; interventions and experiences of assistance and support; stereotypes and educational and prevention projects in schools and local communities; language and mass media; representation and narratives of violence;
- c) Technology and digital frontiers: analysis of new forms of digital violence; social media and hate speech; impact of digital platforms on the spread of online violence;

The theses must address at least one of the topics listed above, which are provided as examples and are not exhaustive, with preference given to a multidisciplinary approach.

Art. 3 – Eligibility

The Award is open to those who have written and defended a bachelor's, master's or specialist degree thesis on one of the topics covered by this Call at the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio between January 1st, 2025 and October 31st, 2026.

Art. 4 – Amount of the Award

The prize amounts to:

First prize 1000,00 euros;

Second prize 800,00 euros;

Third prize 500,00 euros;

The Committee may decide not to designate any winner if the submitted theses do not meet the criteria set out in Art. 2.

Art. 5 – Application procedure and deadline

Applications must be submitted by November 1, 2026, via email to segreteria@apscollettiva.org with the subject line: "Name Surname – THESIS AWARD". The application, drafted in any format, must include:

1. candidate's surname and name;
2. place and date of birth;
3. postal address, email address and mobile phone number at which the candidate wishes to receive communications relating to the Call;
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 longer than three pages, containing the essential points of the work;
- a PDF copy of the thesis submitted for the Award clearly indicating on the title page: the name of the University, the candidate's full name, the title of the thesis, the supervisor and co-supervisor's names, the student registration number;
- a self-declaration certifying that the thesis submitted for the Award was defended between January 1st, 2025 and October 31st, 2026.

Art. 6 – Evaluation committee

The Committee responsible for evaluating the theses and awarding the Prizes will be multidisciplinary and composed of experts from Women's Support Centers, partner organizations, together with teaching staff from UNICAS.

Art. 7 – Evaluation and Awarding criteria

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

- 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 defense (15 points max.)

Art. 8 – Awarding

The results of the award will be published in November 2026 and the prize money will be transferred to the IBAN account held in the name of the winner at the time of the award ceremony.

Art. 9 – Publicity

This call shall be published on the website of the Promoting Associations and on all their social media.

Art. 10 – Regulations and Privacy

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

According to Legislative Decree Np. 196/2003, personal data provided by participants will be collected and processed solely for the purposes of managing the selection of the submitted works. Providing such data is mandatory for the assessment of the eligibility requirements for participation.

Cassino,
15/09/2025