

Call for Applications: Research Assistant for the 2024/2025 Academic Year in the Law Department (Bocconi University)

Milan, 30 April 2024

Professor Arianna Vidaschi (Full Professor, Bocconi University, Department of Legal Studies and Baffi Center) is seeking for **two Research Assistants** to contribute to the research project “Technology, Emergencies and Comparative Law: Towards New Institutional Concepts?” (TECNIC) in the 2024/2025 academic year.

Employment Details

Contract type	Part-time 20% (approximately 10 hours/week)
Length of the contract	12 months (30 May 2024 – 30 April 2025)
Salary indication	Gross overall compensation: 4.000 Euro
Place of work	Research can be carried out fully online. Occasionally, the Research Assistant could be involved in in-person meetings at Bocconi University, Milan

About the Project

Project Director	Professor Arianna Vidaschi
Project Team Members	Dr. Chiara Graziani – Dr. Micol Ferrario

Project Details

This project analyzes the mutual interactions that exist between (i) traditional institutional paradigms used in comparative public law studies (especially regarding the form of government); (ii) their reaction to emergencies; (iii) and the use of technology as a tool to respond to crises – something which strongly characterized recent years. More in detail, the project starts from three main assumptions. First, it is very well known that the role of executives is naturally enhanced in time of emergencies, and this happens even in those systems of government – such as some parliamentarisms – where there is normally a more balanced dynamic between executives and other state bodies (especially parliaments). Second, in recent emergencies, technology – even in its advanced forms, such as artificial intelligence – came up as a powerful ally to react to the crisis. Third, executives, being the most involved actors during crises, often took the lead in managing the policy and legal framework to make the use of such technology possible.

The combination of these three approaches may bring significant implications in terms of institutional balance, since, on the one hand, executives may take these policy choices with no or poor involvement of legislative assemblies, and, on the other hand, they frequently engage in forms of cooperation with “technology giants” that may impact the very concept of “public power”.

Job Description

The **Research Assistants** will provide research assistance to the Project Director and Team Members. **Main tasks** include:

- Reviewing literature on emergencies and technology;
- Contributing independently to high-quality research;
- Supporting the dissemination of the research project output;
- Collaborating with other research project members on the topics of the project.

Eligibility

Essential

- Degree in **Law** or **Political Science**;
- Excellent knowledge of **English**;
- Exemplary **organizational skills** and aptitude in **legal research and writing**.

Desirable

- Ph.D. in Legal Studies or being enrolled as a Ph.D. candidate;
- Excellent knowledge of **French, German, or Spanish**;
- Good knowledge of quantitative methodology;
- Previous experience in the academic environment.

How to Apply

Deadline

23:59, **24 May 2024**

Application procedure

Phase 1

To apply, please submit to arianna.vedaschi@unibocconi.it (cc micol.ferrario@unibocconi.it) the following documents in **English: a curriculum vitae; a cover letter; a copy of your grades; a list of publications (if any)**.

Phase 2

Short-listed candidates will **be interviewed** by the end of May 2024.

Contact for information

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