premio
Valeria Solesin
In 2016, in full agreement with the Solesin family, we decided to create an award to honour the memory of Valeria, an Italian researcher at the Sorbonne in Paris who tragically lost her life on 13 November 2015 in the attack on the Bataclan theatre.

A competition inspired both by Valeria’s studies - which examine the theme of the dual role of women, their time split between family and work - and other contemporary research that highlights the positive effects of a balanced female presence in companies.

We therefore came up with the following theme:

“Female talent as a determining factor for the development of the economy, ethics and meritocracy in Italy.”

The award is aimed at students who have completed a Master’s degree at an Italian public or private university or hold an equivalent degree obtained abroad in the areas of Economics, Sociology, Law, Political Science, Psychology, Education Sciences, Engineering, Demographics or Statistics.

First introduced in 2021, once again this year the award will be given for dissertations focusing on the importance of gender balance in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), for which two Special “STEM Focus” Prizes will be awarded.

There will also be a Special Award, the “Gender Equality Certification Focus” prize, added in 2023 and dedicated specifically to dissertations that examine the subject of Gender Equality Certification as part of their focus on the theme of the call.

This year a Special Award named “Focus on the Inclusion of Migrant Women” has been added: this prize only refers to dissertations that address the inclusion of migrant women in society and in the labour market.

Our target is students whose research papers provide a labour market analysis focused on gender from a socio-economic, demographic-statistical and legal perspective.

We want to highlight dissertations that focus on the factors that prevent more women from joining the labour market (lack of services to support care work, insufficient demand for labour, unequal treatment and cultural stereotypes) and discrimination, while also exploring the virtuous work/life balance policies and practices introduced by public institutions and companies in Italy or internationally to encourage a labour model that includes, champions and values women’s careers, all the way up to the top.

We particularly encourage the submission of dissertations that address:
- the theme of the importance of the gender dimension applied to the innovative areas of scientific and technological skills and the digital economy
- the certification of gender equality in organisations.
- the inclusion of migrant women in society and the labour market.
The 8th Edition of the Valeria Solesin Award is launched with the publication of a new call for papers. The initiative will be promoted with a communication to students and the support of some of the most prestigious public and private universities across Italy:

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University of Milan - Bicocca
Milan Polytechnic
Cattolica University of Milan
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University of Trento
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University of Bologna
University of Pavia
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University of Pisa
University of Verona
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University of Sannio, Benevento
University of Calabria
University of Bergamo
University of Molise
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The list of cash prizes given here may change if other entities decide to take part in the initiative as supporters.

* With regard to the ‘STEM Focus’ Special Award, this prize refers only to dissertations that deal with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects written in line with the theme of the call. If there are no dissertations with a STEM subject and/or if the STEM work is judged to be of poor quality by the scientific committee, this prize will be included in the list of cash prizes above following the overall scoring.

** As for the ‘Gender Certification Focus’ Special Award, this award refers only to dissertations that address the topic of Gender Certification written regarding the theme of the call. If there are no dissertations on Gender Certification and/or if the work in this field is judged to be of poor quality by the scientific committee, this prize will be included in the list of cash prizes above following the overall scoring.

*** As for the Special Award "Focus on the Inclusion of Migrant Women", this prize only refers to dissertations that address the inclusion of migrant women in society and in the labour market in line with the main theme of the call. If there are no dissertations with this focus and/or if the work in this field is judged to be of poor quality by the scientific committee, this prize will be included in the list of cash prizes above following the overall scoring.
The Scientific Committee is made up of the people that designed and developed the project and important figures from the world of academia, experts in the areas of Economics, Sociology, Law, Political Science, Psychology, Education Sciences, Engineering, Demographics and Statistics.

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2023 Award
Award ceremony: in the picture: the winners of the 7th Edition, Valeria’s mother, the supporters and the project team of Forum della Meritocrazia

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