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# Call for n. 1 position as librarian

## **at the La Pira Library on the history and doctrines of Islam (Palermo)**

### **What is the La Pira Library in Palermo?**

The La Pira Library is part of RESILIENCE – the European Research Infrastructure on Religious Studies – and aims to be one of the largest libraries in the world on the history and doctrines of Islam.

Modelled upon the seventy-year experience of the Fondazione per le scienze religiose (FSCIRE) in Bologna, it was born as a branch of the Dossetti Library, which, in terms of size and quality, has become an international reference for studies on Christianity and hosts a research centre that coordinates the European Research Infrastructure.

The La Pira Library, established in Palermo in the autumn of 2018, was founded thanks to the commitment of several Italian institutional actors (from the central government to the Archdiocese of Palermo). It aims at becoming the first hub in the Mediterranean dedicated to the study of the history of Islam and it aspires to implement a long-term cultural operation with the purpose of “healing” the critical issues of our societies by means of knowledge, thus becoming one of the key research institutions in the world where all the traditions of Islam are represented.

Its activity is carried out by full-time, permanent and resident research staff and group of librarians.

### **Contractual information**

*Required job:* n. 1 librarian with knowledge of the Persian language.

*Type of selection:* evaluation of the curriculum vitae, interview and a practical assessment.

*Type of contract:* professional studies sector, third level (as per Italian law), full time (h. 40 a week).

*Duration of the contract:* 1 year, with a view to a permanent contract.

*Start of employment:* January 2024, at the La Pira Library in Palermo.

## Required skills

Advanced notions of librarianship demonstrating the ability to manage every aspect of the organisation of the activities and services of a specialised library:

- purchase management, inventory, classification and cataloguing of books and digital material;
- the organisation of services to the public, both front-office and remote (reception and assistance of scholars, document delivery, access to digital heritage, etc.);
- experience of cataloguing according to ISBD (International Standard Bibliographic Description) in SBN (National Library Service) and RDA (Resource Description and Access) environments;
- the ability to manage the assignment in full autonomy;
- basic notions of Islamic studies.

### *Language skills:*

Knowledge of the following languages (at least): English and **Persian**.

Previous knowledge of Italian is a plus.

### *Educational qualifications that constitute preference in the selection phase:*

Bachelor's degree in Languages and Literatures, Conservation of Cultural Heritage, History and equivalent qualifications according to the "old" Italian system (DL); Specialised degree or Master's degree equivalent to the degree diplomas indicated above, pursuant to the Inter-Ministerial Decree of 07/09/2009, Ministerial Decree 509/1999, and Ministerial Decree 270/2004. In the case of a qualification obtained from a foreign academic institution, the qualification will be considered valid if declared equivalent by suitable certification issued by competent authorities, or if automatically recognized as equivalent on the basis of international agreements to one of the qualifications required for admission.

## Application submission

In order to participate in the selection, it is necessary to submit a completed and signed application form (Annex 1 in this file).

The application form must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae et studiorum, a copy of a valid identity document, and all the documents useful to certify the veracity of the academic and professional qualifications declared in the curriculum.

The application must be delivered via email and addressed to **segreteria@fscire.it** on or before **15 November 2023 at 14:00 (2:00 PM)** Italian time.

Alternatively, the application can be submitted by hand or by registered letter with return receipt, and must reach the following address on or before the abovementioned deadline:

Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII, Segreteria  
Via San Vitale, 114 – 40125 Bologna (Italy)

## **Annex 1**

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH

CITIZENSHIP

RESIDENCE

DOMICILE (ONLY IF DIFFERENT FROM RESIDENCE)

PHONE NUMBER

SHORT PRESENTATION

DATE AND SIGNATURE