

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

Research Assistant in the Department of Economics and Finance on the research project: "Political Alignment and Development Funds: Evidence from post-WWII Southern Italy"

1. Institutional details

- Tutor name and email: Christoph Koenig (Christoph.Koenig@uniroma2.it)
- Economic fields: Political Economy, Economic History
- Internship start date: ASAP (but generally flexible)
- Full-time/Part-time: Part-time

2. Skills and Experience required

- Languages required: English, Italian (German language is a plus)
- Degree requirement: Enrollment in MSc Economics
- Skills required: curiosity, initiative and attention to detail; native Italian speaker; broad knowledge of Italy's geography and recent history; basic knowledge of Excel; not required but useful: experience with Stata/R or OCR software

3. Job description:

"Research Assistantship 'Political Alignment and Development Funds'"

- The objective of this research project is to estimate the impact of local elections outcomes on the allocation of money from the "Cassa per II Mezzogiorno" development program in the 1950s/1960s
- The intern will be involved mainly in the digitisation of historical data via OCR software, collecting historical data from libraries and data cleaning. If qualified and Interested, the intern may also have the opportunity to contribute via coding or code checking in R.
- The intern will develop the following skills: creation of data from historical sources via OCR, improved data management skills In Excel, harmonisation of datasets from different sources, improved R coding for data management and analysis (if qualified and interested)

Please note: The student must complete 150 internship hours at least 45 days prior to his/her graduation. Upon termination of the internship, the Tutor will be required to send immediate notice to Desk Imprese Economia Tor Vergata <u>deskimprese@economia.uniroma2.it</u> with <u>msc_economics@economia.uniroma2.it</u> in copy so the student may obtain credit recognition for the internship activity.