

"FRANCA PIERONI BORTOLOTTI AWARD"

Competition announcement for research on women's and gender's history

1. Object and purpose of the award

The Regional Council of Tuscany and the Tuscany Regional Commission for Equal Opportunities, in collaboration with the Italian Association of Women Historians and the Oblate Library (Municipality of Florence) promote, the 21st edition of the "Franca Pieroni Bortolotti Award".

Two Higher Degree or Postgraduate Degree or Master or Doctoral (Ph.D) thesis concerning women's and gender's history, from Ancient to Contemporary times, will be rewarded.

In order to promote the international character of this award, thesis written in Italian, English or French will be admitted.

The award is dedicated to commemorating Franca Pieroni Bortolotti (1925-1985), a Florentine female historian, who dedicated her life to the study of the cultural and political history of Italian women's emancipation movements. Her work opened a field of study that was until then almost entirely unknown in Italy.

Special attention will be given to thesis concerning women's and gender's history of the Tuscan region or of a local Tuscan context.

2. People who may participate in the selection

People who have defended their Higher Degree or Postgraduate Degree or Master or Doctoral (Ph.D) thesis on women's and gender history, from Ancient to Contemporary times, starting from the academic year 2011-2012.

3. Awards

A cash prize will be awarded to the two thesis selected (art. 7 of the selection procedure), in the amount of € 2,500.00 for the first prize, and € 1,500.00 for the second prize. Two of the thesis submitted will be selected for publication in the "Franca Pieroni Bortolotti" book series.

4. Requirements

In order to participate in the selection, applicants must present the following material:

- a) The application form available as *facsimile* on the website of the "Società Italiana delle Storiche": www.societadellestoriche.it, on the website of the Regional Council of Tuscany: www.consiglio.regione.toscana.it or on the website of the Oblate Library:

www.bibliotecadelleoblate.it. Applicants can also find the application form attached to this document (see Annex 1);

- b) Two copies of the thesis in "pdf" format, on two distinct CD ROMs;
- c) One printed copy of the thesis;
- d) An abstract of a maximum 1,000 characters, spaces included (Annex 1 – addressed to the Franca Pieroni Bortolotti Archive, at the Oblate Library of Florence);
- e) A short "Curriculum vitae" with information about the studies and activities carried out by the applicant;

5. Application procedure

The entire applications listed in art. 4 should be submitted in a single envelope by **Tuesday 30 June, 2015**, by registered mail with an acknowledgement of receipt, to the following address: "*Consiglio Regionale della Toscana – Ufficio Protocollo, via Cavour n. 2 – 50129 Firenze - Italy*". The applicant should indicate the following on the envelope: "Premio Franca Pieroni Bortolotti 2015". The postmark applied by the receiving post office will be considered proof of the mailing date. Late submissions will not be considered.

Submission of the application implies the full and unconditional acceptance of the rules regulating the competition announcement.

The Regional Council of Tuscany accepts no responsibility for any lost applications or for any delays or errors not attributable to the Regional Council of Tuscany.

6. Reasons of exclusion

With reference to the documents to be submitted (see art. 4), the following are considered reasons for exclusion:

- the submitted documentation does not comply with the rules listed above in art. 5;

7. Award allocation criteria

The thesis admitted to the selection process will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- a) Originality and scientific quality of the work;
- b) Relevance of the work and contribution to the state of the art in the specific field of research, both nationally and internationally;
- c) Historiographical and methodological knowledge and expertise;

The selection will be carried out by a Selection Committee appointed by the Director of the Department "Rappresentanza e relazioni istituzionali" of the Regional Council of Tuscany, based on a recommendation of the Italian Association of Women Historians. The ranking will be published

on the Bollettino Ufficiale della Regione Toscana (BURT) (Official Gazette of the Tuscan Region), according to regional law n. 23/2007, art. 5, and on the administrative records database of the Regional Council of Tuscany, under art. 18, comma 2, regional law n. 23/2007.

8. Award ceremony

The Regional Council of Tuscany will organize an award ceremony on **Saturday 12 December, 2015**. During the ceremony, all the work submitted will be presented and the awards will be given to the winners. The cash prizes will be paid outright. The date of the ceremony will be communicated to all applicants, and it will be posted on the websites of all the organizers.

9. Storage of the thesis

Applicants' work will automatically become part of the "Franca Pieroni Bortolotti Archive" for the study of women's history. The archive is located at the Oblate Library, via dell'Oriuolo 26, Florence. All the thesis submitted will be available for consultation in the above-mentioned archive, according to specific rules.

Authors remain the sole copyright owners of the thesis submitted to the competition.

10. Legal protection of the right to privacy

Every applicant authorizes the Selection Committee to the treatment of personal data, in accordance with art. 13 of D.L. 196/2003 and any following changes, for the sole purpose of this competition. All data will be used only for administrative purposes, for the aims of the present selection procedure and its divulgation, in accordance with Italian Leg. Decree n. 196/2003. The Chief of the Department "Rappresentanza e relazioni istituzionali" of the Regional Council of Tuscany is the person responsible for data processing.

11. Communication about the awards

The results of the selection process and the ranking will be published on the websites of the Regional Council of Tuscany, the Italian Association of Women Historians and the Oblate Library. The two winners will receive a written notification. The Regional Council of Tuscany will not be responsible in case applicants have provided wrong addresses or information.

12. Information about this competition announcement

This competition announcement is published on the following websites: www.consiglio.regione.toscana.it (Regional Council of Tuscany); www.societadellestoriche.it

(Italian Association of Women Historians); www.bibliotecadelleoblatoe.it (Oblate Library of the Municipality of Florence).

Furthermore, it is published on the "Bollettino Ufficiale della Regione Toscana (BURT)" n. 12 of 25 March, 2015.

For any information about the announcement, interested parties can contact Cinzia Sestini tel. +39 055/23.87.285 – +39 334/64.97.469 or Elisabetta Severi, tel. +39 055/23.87.568 of the Department "Rappresentanza e relazioni istituzionali" of the Regional Council of Tuscany, or by e-mail at the following address: premiofbortolotti@consiglio.regione.toscana.it.

Annex. n. 1:

1. Application form and data sheet for the deposit of the work at the Oblate Library of Florence, in the special fund dedicated to "Franca Pieroni Bortolotti".