



## Final Report of Assistant Professor Call protocol n. 80184

**Department:** Social and Political Sciences

**Application deadline:** 10 January 2019

**Junior Hiring committee:** Guido Alfani (head), Andrea Colli, Alessia Melegaro, Tamás Vonyó

**Total applications:** 56

**Valid applications:** 42

**Number of flyouts:** 4

**Recommended Action:** Call to be closed with 1 position filled

Final Report – Milan, 5 April 2019 (by the committee coordinator, Guido Alfani)

**Summary:** The Committee scrutinized the applications received for the position of Assistant Professor in Economic History. The first selection was made on the basis of the CV and additional materials provided by the candidates in order to assess the fulfilment of the formal conditions for application. In a second stage, candidates were selected according to the quantity and quality of their scientific production, as well as according to the coherence of their profiles with the expected characteristics indicated in the call (as from the job opening: “The area of specialization is economic and social history. The ideal candidate does high-quality research on long-term historical processes, including those characterizing the preindustrial period, and has at least some demonstrable ability to work with primary (archival) sources”). This step was necessary in order to assess the probability of a successful tenure track given the present tenure requirements at Bocconi. The result of this process was the choice of 4 (four) candidates who were invited for a campus visit.

Below is a brief summary of the candidates who submitted a valid application but were not invited for a campus visit.

### OMISSIS

Below is the list of the candidates who were invited for a campus visit, in alphabetical order (and with the respective affiliations):

## OMISSIS

Mattia Fochesato (University of Basel, Switzerland)

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After the invitations were made, **OMISSIS** informed the search committee of the decision to withdraw the application as **OMISSIS** accepted another job. The other candidates visited the Department February 18, March 1 and March 7, 2019.

**Decision:** According to the Committee's judgment and to the Department members' anonymous opinions, among the three candidates who visited the department the candidate who performed better has been Mattia Fochesato. Given needs of the Department in the field of Economic History the Department Executive Committee agreed to make him an offer.

### **The selected Candidate:**

**Mattia Fochesato:** is currently Max Geldner Assistant Professor in Economic History at Basel University, with previous employment (during 2015-18) at the New York University in Abu Dhabi. His research is in the area of Economic History, with a focus on economic inequality and on processes of divergence/convergence in the long run of history (from prehistory to the end of the early modern period).

The other candidates:

## OMISSIS

In conclusion, the Department received 42 valid applications, of whom four were invited for flyouts, and decided to make one job offer.

Sincerely,

Guido Alfani (Head of Department Hiring Committee)

