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Department	Literatures, Languages and Cultural Heritage
UniCa reference person	Andrea Corsale
Project title in English	Linguistic and religious minorities and geopolitical implications in the Central-Eastern European region
Project title in Italian	Minoranze linguistiche e religiose e implicazioni geopolitiche nel contesto dell'Europa centro-orientale
Subject area of reference (World University Ranking)	SOCIAL SCIENCES (inc. Education, Law, Politics & International Studies, Sociology, Psychology, Geography)
Project summary and VPS' profile	The project aims to analyse the geographical and historical context in which the identities and socio- cultural and political dynamics related to linguistic and religious minorities in Central-Eastern Europe have been developing. Particular attention will be paid to the geopolitical implications of nation (re)building processes where minority heritage and identity overlap with complex and often conflicting territorial narratives and representations, also related to the post-Ottoman, post-Habsburg and post-Soviet spaces. A focus will be dedicated to demographic and migration dynamics, to tangible and intangible cultural heritage and to local development and participation processes, within a broader analysis of identity and political issues on multiple scales. Languages, religions, ethnic roots, and territorial ties, together with symbols, monuments, and landscapes, pertinent to the geopolitical discourse, will be analyzed in a geographical perspective, but also through a broader transdisciplinary approach. An in-depth program aimed at the students and the public will be agreed with the visiting professor, also on the basis of the most topical events related to the Russian-Ukrainian conflict and to the enlargement of the European Union, considering the complex consequences on the entire Central- Eastern region of Europe. Jewish and/or Roma minorities, together with relevant geopolitical and identity issues conflicts such as Crimea, Transnistria, the Balkans, and the Caucasus. The visiting professor shall have adequate geo-historical and geopolitical knowledge of Central-Eastern Europe and the Balkans, with particular reference to ethnic, linguistic, and religious minorities.
Proposed length of stay	Short visit of 10 days
Expected period of activity	March-May 2024
Academic position of the VPS'	Researcher
Course of Study	Laurea triennale (1st cycle University Degree), Laurea magistrale (2nd cycle University Degree)
Language of instruction	English