

Pisa, March 15, 2020

Dear students, Dear colleagues,

As you probably know, in the last few days Italian prime minister Giuseppe Conte issued several decrees for the containment and contrast of the Covid-19 virus spreading throughout the country. In compliance with these decrees, I have deliberated several precautionary measures such as:

- from Monday 9 March 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020,
 - all in-presence educational activities are suspended, regardless of the location (at the university's facilities or other). All educational activities are held remotely, respecting the former schedule. At the link <https://www.unipi.it/index.php/english-news/item/17746> using instructions are available;
 - in the application of the force majeure principle, in compliance with the general regulatory framework of the Erasmus + program and other international mobility programs, the activities of all curricular and extracurricular traineeships of incoming students are suspended;
 - to keep social distancing and avoid any "alternative form of aggregation", staff, post-Docs, PhD students and any other person participating must suspend the research activities in laboratories. The above people are allowed to access other facilities, such as administrative offices, meeting rooms, study rooms, not exceeding one person per room;
- unless different bilateral agreements between the ministries of the respective countries exist, to avoid exposure to contagion, students, trainees and staff currently in mobility are invited:
 - not to return to their home countries but to stay in their lodgings refraining from all social contacts;
 - to comply with the local health and government authorities indications.
- the students, trainees or staff currently on mobility can return to the home country, justified with the force majeure principle, upon individual request. Should this occur, the agreements between the Italian Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ministry and your home country authority should be respected (please consult the crisis unit of your home country embassy or consulate) and always ensuring the compliance with national provisions on the movement of people during the Covid-19 emergency. All interested parties are invited to take into due consideration the indications provided by the Italian Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ministry at <http://www.viaggiare Sicuri.it/home>. Embassies and consulates can provide further assistance.


We kindly ask you to confirm the receipt of this message and to let us know your possible intention to return to your home country, emailing to erasmus.incoming@unipi.it.

The same email address is at your disposal for any further information or problems you may have in this critical emergency moment.

We are incredibly sorry that the coronavirus emergency prevented you from fully appreciating the beauty of our city and the hospitality of our university.

We do hope that the emergency will end shortly, and everything will return to our everyday life.

Best regards.



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