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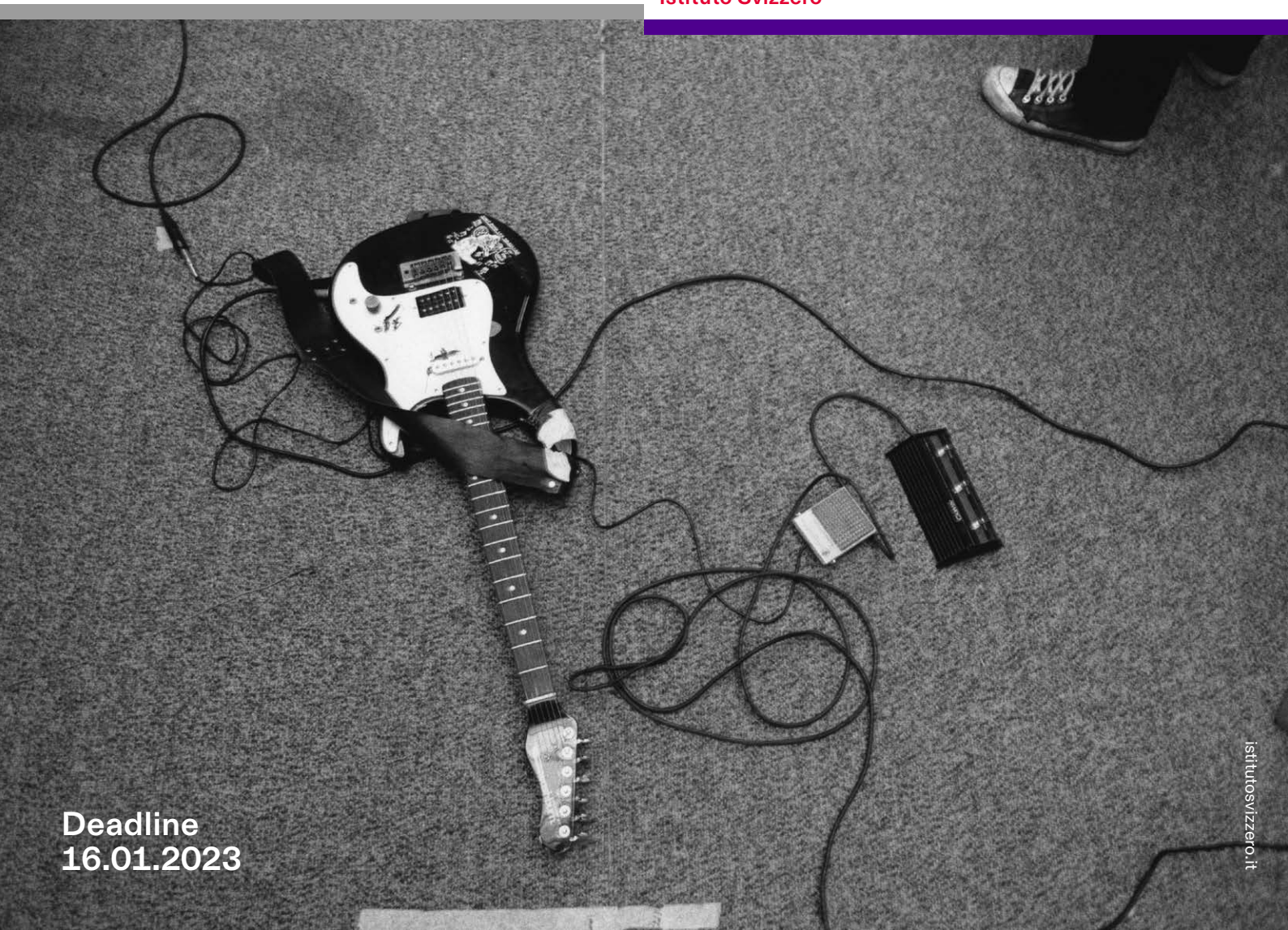
**Residency for Curator  
in Palermo**

**Call for applications  
2023**

**Istituto Svizzero**

**Deadline  
16.01.2023**

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## RESIDENCY FOR CURATOR IN PALERMO 2023

### Call for application 2023

Istituto Svizzero acts as an interdisciplinary platform bringing together artistic and scientific research. From Rome, Milan or Palermo, it facilitates connections both between Switzerland and Italy, as well as internationally.

In addition to its residency programme and Summer Schools, the Institute promotes a public programme of innovative events and projects, experimental practices and academic excellence. Starting from 2022, Istituto Svizzero launches a call for residency for a curator who will have the opportunity to stay for three months at Palazzo Branciforte in Palermo. Applicants will be required to present a research project that has a link to the Sicilian territory and includes a reflection drawing from the collections of the Fondazione Sicilia.

### The residency offers:

- Participation to one study trip as part of the Roma Calling programme.
- Participation to Istituto Svizzero's events in Palermo.
- Privileged access to the network of contacts of Istituto Svizzero in Italy, Switzerland and internationally.
- Exchange with residents of Roma Calling, Milano Calling and Palermo Calling.
- Access to the collections of Fondazione Sicilia and its library.
- Italian language course.

### The collections of Fondazione Sicilia

The cultural heritage of Fondazione Sicilia, a rich in testimony to the history of the island's civilisation from prehistoric times to the 20th century, includes the 16th century Palazzo Branciforte and Villa Zito, which hosts the Foundation's art collections. The patrimony is also enriched by the Archivio storico del Banco di Sicilia and the Library, which counts over fifty thousand volumes. In Palazzo Branciforte it is possible to admire the archaeological, numismatic and philatelic collections, as well as the majolica, sculptures and panel frescoes. Villa Zito houses the collections of paintings, prints and drawings. In addition, major restoration work at Palazzo Branciforte started in 2007, run by the world-famous architect and designer Gae Aulenti, has made it possible to make the entire complex functional and modern, while maintaining evidence of the past and incorporating contemporary design.

More information on the collections: [www.fondazioneitalia.it](http://www.fondazioneitalia.it)

### Conditions of admission

The call is open to curators and researchers with experience in the following disciplines: art history, contemporary art, architecture, history or related subjects. The conditions do not imply an age limit. However, it is required a proven experience either in institutional contexts and/or in independent spaces, with an interest in the Palermo/Sicilian territory. The call is addressed to Swiss citizens and residents as well as figures who have established solid relations with the Swiss scientific and cultural scene.

### Accommodation and residence in Palermo

The resident benefits from an independent studio-apartment located on the top floor of Palazzo Branciforte in the heart of Palermo, as well as an allowance for meals. The resident must obtain a contribution for additional living expenses independently. Accommodation is provided for one person only.

### Dates of residence

From 01.10.2023 to 31.12.2023.

### Selection process

Online applications must be completed and sent no later than 16.01.2023 to the email address: [direzione@istitutovisvizzero.it](mailto:direzione@istitutovisvizzero.it) with the subject 'Residency for Curator Palermo 2023'.

The results of the selection will be communicated in March 2023.

### Application package:

- Motivation letter describing the reasons for your application to the residency and the connection to the Sicilian territory.
- Curriculum vitae and portfolio if applicable.
- Description of the research project (maximum 2500 words).

### Contact

For more information, please write to: [direzione@istitutovisvizzero.it](mailto:direzione@istitutovisvizzero.it)