



PhD Program in Spatial Planning & Urban Development

Chair: Prof. Alessandro Balducci

The PhD Program in Spatial Planning & Urban Development is addressed to international and Italian students, and is fully taught in English.

Focused upon research, this three year program is intended to establish a dialogue with the experiences of the best European and International PhD programs in planning, urban policies and design, urban studies.

This inter-disciplinary Program is based upon the specific approach of Milan Polytechnic to design and territorial analysis.

The main courses and workshops are focused on the following topics:

1. **Cities in globalisation.** The processes of radical transformation of contemporary cities are explored through a comparative approach and with specific attention to new global developing cities and to European cities. The main issues addressed are the social, economic and territorial transformations that have been taking place in cities in the last two decades as a consequence of the globalisation processes; the governance problems in evolving cities; the economic and technological change that cities are facing.
2. **Planning theory.** Different planning fields are explored through a critical and comparative approach. The main issues addressed are: paradigms, traditions and innovations in planning theory; spatial and land use planning, and their relationship with citizenship and justice; comparative studies about planning systems; the relationship between planning theory and practice; visioning and strategic dimensions in planning, policies and projects.
3. **Urban and territorial policies.** Sector policies and their relationships with the problems of governance and government are analysed using a comparative approach. Some of the policies investigated are: welfare and cohesion, land use, mobility and infrastructures, environmental quality and housing.

Having a strong international orientation, the Program is aimed at meeting the demand for researchers who are skilled users of analytical approaches to urban problems, as well as to planning, management and implementation of urban policies. Doctors with such profiles could be employed by Italian and international academic institutions, public bodies and research centres.

Academic board

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Scholarships

Four scholarships are granted to students to be enrolled in 2010. One scholarship is specifically addressed to water-related risks (WRR).

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