

**UNIVERSITY OF CAGLIARI**  
**SCHOOL OF SPECIALISATION IN ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPE HERITAGE**  
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**COURSE INFO**

<b>Professor</b>
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<b>Title of the course</b>
Psychology of the relationships with places
<b>Scientific Disciplinary Sector</b>
M-PSI/05
<b>Number of hours</b>
20
<b>Language</b>
Italian
<b>Objectives of the course</b>
<p>The aim of this module is both to transfer knowledge and to develop skills about the approach of environmental and architectural psychology on the relationships with places. Specifically, the focus will be on theories and empirical evidence concerning constructs such as, for instance, place attachment, place identity, place dependence, and landscape identity.</p> <p>The developed skills will be useful for the development of environmental management and monitoring programs, and for the design and requalification of the various life environments (e.g., residential structures, offices, schools, leisure environments, healthcare places), within a user-centered design view aiming at the improvement of health and wellbeing at both individual and collective level.</p>
<b>Any prerequisites</b>
No prerequisites are requested.
<b>Topics and contents of the course</b>
<p>This module will address the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- relationships with places: the approach of Environmental and Architectural Psychology;</li><li>- relationships with places and “user-centered design”;</li><li>- cognitive and emotional aspects of the relationships with places;</li><li>- researches and case-studies on the psychological responses to places: practical implications.</li></ul>
<b>Methods of examination</b>
Oral.
<b>Essential bibliography</b>
<p>L. Steg, A.E. van den Berg, J.I.M. de Groot (eds.), <i>Environmental Psychology: An introduction</i>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford (UK) 2018.</p> <p>S. Clayton (ed.), <i>The Oxford Handbook of Environmental and Conservation Psychology</i>, Oxford University Press, New York 2012.</p> <p>L. C. Manzo, P. Devine-Wright (eds.), <i>Place Attachment. Advances in Theory, Methods and Applications</i>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Routledge, Abingdon (UK) 2021.</p>
<b>Further bibliographical information</b>
<b>Didactic materials</b>
Further didactic material will be provided during the module.
<b>External guests</b>
Experts in the environmental and architectural psychology domain will be invited to held seminars within the module.