

EDUC-SHARE H2020 Sub-clustering event

Title: “Just transition” in urban sustainability policy design

Date: 8-9 January 2024

Main venue: University of Cagliari, Palazzo Cugia, Via Santa Croce 67, Cagliari
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Meeting in Microsoft Teams: [link](#)

Abstract

The aim of the seminar is to engage scholars in collaborative research within the EDUC SHARE initiative on the topic of "just transition" within sustainability policies, particularly at the urban and suburban levels.

The meeting in Cagliari will hopefully pave the way for a more in-depth exploration and refinement of specific research ideas and will serve as a forum to converge on concrete research project proposals for potential submission to European and national funding bodies.

The starting point rests on two core tenets:

1. Urban sustainability stands as a linchpin in implementing sustainability agendas, ranging from the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to diverse national and regional agendas and initiatives. In this context, we want to focus on collective positive impact of smaller-scale urban projects and policies at the neighbourhood level. Indeed, the perspective of sustainable urbanisation offers major opportunities to «fight against poverty, inequality, unemployment, climate change and other pressing global challenges» (UN-Habitat, 2020). Hence, the research platform specifically focuses on sustainability policies, projects and actions at suburban and neighbourhood levels.

2. The second tenet encompasses a normative and a programmatic dimension: (i) on one hand the sustainability policies, projects, and actions ought not to neglect the dimensions of fairness and inclusion at the local level; but above all (ii) such policies, projects, and actions should be viewed as an opportunity, as it were, a “vehicle” to also advance those goals of fairness and inclusion, if they are purposefully designed. Therein emerges the programmatic drive for "just transition" in policy design, urging the integration of these critical dimensions into the design of sustainability policies, projects, and actions.

These tenets indeed constitute the foundation for a host of possible research projects, varying and combining research methodologies, focusing on different policy domains (urban regeneration, urban mobility policies, housing, energy communities, etc.), and electing different urban contexts as case studies for fieldwork.



Agenda

Monday, 8 January 2024

time	title	Speaker
15:00	<i>Arrival of participants and Welcoming</i>	Alessandra Carucci Vice-Rector for International Affairs
15:15-16:00	<i>Introduction of works</i>	Ivan Blečić, professor DICAAR Dept., University of Cagliari
16:00-18:30	<i>Presentation of relevant previous research experiences</i>	<p>University of Paris Nanterre Sonia Lehman-Frisch, Vice-President for International Affairs Marie-Anne Germaine, PhD, Geography Dept.</p> <p>Masaryk University, Dept. of Geography Ondřej Šerý, PhD, Assistant Professor Jakub Trojan MSc, PhD, Assistant Professor</p> <p>University of Pecs Zsuzsa Koltai, Chair, Dept. of Cultural Studies</p> <p>University of Cagliari Ivan Blečić Ester Cois, Delegate for Gender Equality policies and UniCa Guarantee Committee President Maurizio Memoli, Professor, DICAAR Martina Loi, PhD student, DICAAR Emanuel Muroli, Assistant Professor, DICAAR Valeria Saiu, Assistant Professor, DICAAR</p> <p>Marco Naseddu, Sardinia Regional Administration (Regional Programming Centre)</p> <p>Claudio Zasso, President of “La Carovana“ Social cooperative</p> <p><i>(Additional speakers may join, pending on last minute confirmation)</i></p>
18:30	<i>Q&A session</i>	
From 14:30	Coffee breaks as needed	

Tuesday 9 January 2024

time	title	Speaker
9:00-9:30	Presentation of research funding opportunities	Daniela Loi, “Progetta Horizon“ office Daniela Ghiani, Research and Territory Division
9:30-13:00	Group discussion of joint research perspectives	All
13:00	Light lunch	
From 9:00	Coffee breaks as needed	

The seminar is open to researchers, professors, PostDocs, and Ph.D. candidates of the EDUC Alliance universities.

