

DUAL Dichotomies in Urban Agendas and Logics

Aurora Academic Conference

29-30th September 2025

Program



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Monday, September 29th

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Room Roberto Gentile, 2° Floor, Entrance B

	Schedule
9:30	Opening remarks Alessandro Arienzo (Aurora Institutional Coordinator, UNINA)
09:45	Introduction Francesca Scamardella (Coordinator Aurora TT 2.4 Establishing the Hub for Culture: Identities and Diversities, UNINA)
10:00	Intro Session 1 “ <i>Napoli experience</i> . Between city branding and aesthetics of dissent” Ramon Rispoli, Benedetta Toledo (UNINA)
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Session 1: Urban Design and the City’s Dichotomies Chairs: Ramon Rispoli, Benedetta Toledo (UNINA)
12:30	Lunch break (on your own)
13:30	Session 1: Urban Design and the City’s Dichotomies Chairs: Ramon Rispoli, Benedetta Toledo (UNINA)
15:15	Wrap-up Session 1
15:30	Coffee break
16:00	Intro Session 2 “Urban Dichotomies in the Arts” Florian Freitag (Lead Aurora TT 2.4 Establishing the Hub for Culture: Identities and Diversities within WP2 Joint Education, UDE), Zohra Hassan-Pieper (UDE)
16:30	Session 2: Humanities Perspectives on Urban Dichotomies Chairs: Florian Freitag, Zohra Hassan-Pieper (UDE)
18:00	Wrap-up & conclusion

Tuesday, September 30th

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	Schedule
09:30	Session 2: Humanities Perspectives on Urban Dichotomies Chairs: Florian Freitag, Zohra Hassan-Pieper (UDE)
10:30	Wrap-up Session 2
10:45	Coffee break
11:15	GUEST LECTURE by Bertram Niessen: <i>“Heaven, Hell and the Microcosms. Dualism and holism in metaphors and imaginaries of the City”</i>
12:30	Lunch break (on your own)
14:00	Intro Session 3 “Wellbeing and not-wellbeing in Naples: the community's perspective. Development of a collaborative map” Martina Bosone, Francesca Nocca (UNINA)
14:15	Intro Session 3 “Botero's Republic of Venice as a case study. Centre and periphery between power and government” Giovan Giuseppe Monti (UNINA)
14:30	Session 3: Grounded Dichotomies: Case Studies Chairs: Martina Bosone, Francesca Nocca, Giovan Giuseppe Monti (UNINA)
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	Session 3: Grounded Dichotomies: Case Studies Chairs: Martina Bosone, Francesca Nocca, Giovan Giuseppe Monti (UNINA)
17:30	Wrap-up Session 3
18:00	Final Remarks

SESSION 1

Urban Design and the City's Dichotomies

September 29, 11:00-12:30 | 13:30-15:15

Title	Authors	Affiliation
<i>Rethinking urban hydrology: sustainable liquid boundaries in a resilient cityscape</i>	Kateryna Borysenko*	Karazin Kharkiv National University
<i>Smart Cities and Social Silence: Exploring the Dichotomy of Digital Inclusion and Urban Invisibility in the European Urban Agenda</i>	Arezou Mirzaei*	University of Naples Federico II
<i>From Lived City to Consumed City: Dichotomies of Urban Tourism</i>	Willian Tavares Cerino*	Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Tarragona
<i>Facades of (In)Security: Urban Perception Between Aesthetics and Risk</i>	Mariacarla Fraiese*	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Reactivating urban voids: towards a productive and sustainable conservation</i>	Edoardo Amoroso	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Living in/through Transitions: Walking as a Practice of Disorientation and Belonging</i>	Maria Cecilia Daniele	University of Rome Sapienza
<i>What the city shows, what it forgets: Urban Tensions between Access, Memory, and Suspension</i>	Martina Miale	University of Naples Federico II
<i>The flip side of urban art districts: considering artists both as catalysts for transformation and as residents exposed to the risks of gentrification</i>	Agnese Landolfo	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Home–City Dialogues: an interpretation of the inside-outside dichotomy through some artistic performances</i>	Paola Buccaro	University of Naples Federico II
<i>THREAT – CHANCE. Could such a transition be possible?</i>	Giulia Marino	University of Naples Federico II
<i>From Mono to Multi-dimensional: Reframing Urban Resilience towards an Integrated and Transformative Approach for urban settlements design</i>	Sabrina Puzone	University of Naples Federico II

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SESSION 2

Humanities Perspectives on Urban Dichotomies

September 29, 16:30-18:00

September 30, 09:30-10:30

Title	Authors	Affiliation
<i>City as Absurdity and Escape: Psychogeographic Refractions in Alice in Wonderland and Peter and Wendy</i>	Walid Rihane*	Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Tarragona
<i>Citizens, Human Rights and Urban Governance: A Comparative Regime-Approach</i>	Hanyeh Bahmanfar*	Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná
<i>Housing access and Urban belonging for Refugees</i>	NourAllah Al lahham*	Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná
<i>Public and Private in urban life: the utility of citizens in administrative action</i>	Alessandra Piconese*	University Magna Graecia di Catanzaro
<i>From Roman Cities to Wild Otherness: Victorian Visions of Urban Collapse in late and post-Roman Britain</i>	Donato Sitaro	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Heterotopias: The Space Between Power and Knowledge in Michel Foucault's Genealogical Project</i>	Pietro Sebastianelli	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Spatial segregation and the production of spaces of exclusion. Starting from a critical reading of Henri Lefebvre</i>	Rossella Castello	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Hostility and hospitality as a challenge for urban age: exploring dichotomies in the legal and political dimensions of cities</i>	Valerio Nitrato Izzo	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Visible Bodies, Invisible Pain: Reading Urban Health and Belonging through the Lens of Women and the LGBTQ+ Community</i>	Jacqueline Ruffen, Mona Gutmann	University of Duisburg-Essen
<i>Urban Commons and Private Law: Property, Participation, and Civic Uses in Urban Governance</i>	Fabrizia Cesarano	Scuola Superiore Meridionale

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SESSION 3

Grounded Dichotomies: Case Studies

September 30, 14:30-16:00 | 16:30-17:30

Title	Authors	Affiliation
<i>URBAN RESILIENCE DURING THE WAR: THE CASE OF KHARKIV (UKRAINE)</i>	Daria Venhryn*	Karazin Kharkiv National University
<i>From Growth to Justice: Exploring Urban Resilience and Climate Adaptation through Degrowth in Migrant Neighborhoods of Samsun</i>	Damla Karagöz*	Ondokuz Mayıs University, Türkiye
<i>Blue Tourism and its two-way relationship with climate change</i>	Giulia Balestracci	Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Tarragona
<i>Threshold as Urban Interface: Negotiating the Private and Public in Naples' Sanità</i>	Aniseh Khajuei, Maryam Moosavikharagoush	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Visible Invisible. Phygital strategies for the enhancement of cultural heritage</i>	Mariachiara Troise, Alessandra Coppola	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Between Reykjavík and the Fjords: Icelandic Cinema's Portrayal of Family as a Site of Urban-Rural Tensions</i>	Chen Xin	University of Iceland
<i>Between Heritage and Development: The evolution of Ischia island from viticulture to tourism</i>	Gaia Di Palma	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Rethinking "Cultural Vibrancy" at the Neighbourhood Scale. The Case of Immacolatella (Naples, Italy)</i>	Antonio Radice, Mariaclara Siano	University of Naples Federico II
<i>Post-Dichotomous Urban Commons and the Agency of the Sea in Naples</i>	Giorgia Manfredonia, Domenico Salvatore Galluccio	University of Naples Federico II

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