

The Social Space of the Sea. Development, Environment and Culture in the Adriatic-Ionian Region

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MAIN CONCEPT

The Blended Intensive Programme "The Social Space of the Sea. Development, Environment and Culture in the Adriatic-Ionian Region." Is sponsored by Uniadriion and the Department of Communication Science of the University of Teramo.

The set of on-site and remote activities included in this programme aims to explore and reconcile the diverse and sometimes conflicting theories and visions of territorial development, emphasizing the crucial connection between natural environments, human-nature relationships, and tangible and intangible cultural heritage. It does so by casting light on the role of the sea, namely the Adriatic Ionian Sea as a veritable social space, which enables exchanges, transfer of knowledge and the building of common trans-local strategies.

MA and PhD students participating in the workshop, which includes both classwork and fieldwork activities, will be encouraged to reflect on some crucial issues for development in an interdisciplinary perspective, with a strong focus on the Adriatic-Ionian region and on the role of the sea. The latter is framed not just as saltwater or littoral area but as a wider social space that overcomes traditional land/water divides.

One of the central themes of this workshop is the opportunities for integration of the natural environment and cultural assets into territorial development strategies.

In this perspective, we aim to shed light on the intricate connections between ecosystems, heritage, and human communities.

Empowering communities is another key focus of this programme. By studying, observing and sharing experiences and best practices, we hope to inspire innovative approaches that empower local communities to shape their own futures both as a response to natural disasters or environmental fragility and as a way to recover and promote their unique cultural heritage. Finally, we address the divide between coastal and inland areas as it often results in disparities in development opportunities and environmental challenges. Our discussions will explore theories and strategies to bridge this gap, creating a more balanced and equitable territorial development landscape both in local and transnational perspective.

The workshop is multi-sited in the Region of Abruzzo

DRAFT PROGRAM

October 23, 2023 online briefing

14.30-18.00 *Online briefing and group work*

October 26, 2023 (Teramo)

Arrival of participants in Teramo

20.00 *Welcome Dinner - Osteria Lo Strabacco*

22.00-23.00 *Night walk of the city center of Teramo*

October 27, 2023 (Teramo)

09.00-09.30 *welcome address by the BIP coordinator and academic authorities*

09.00-13.00 *Lectures at the Department of Communication Science - Classroom 5*

13.00-14.30 *Welcome Reception at the Department of Communication Science - Meeting Room*

15.00-17.00 *Lectures at the Department of Communication Science - Classroom 5*

19.00-22.00 *Adriatic Pub Quiz Game- Monkeys Pub*

October 28, 2023 (Teramo)

10.00-13.00 *Lectures at the University of Chieti-Pescara Paolo VI/Classroom 1*

13.00-15.00 *Lunch break*

15.00-18.30 *Urban ethnography in the “new” Adriatic City: Excursion to Pescara city and visit to “Cetacean Study Center”*

October 29, 2023 (Teramo)

10.00-13.00 *Hiking to the Torre del Cerrano” (ancient watchtower) and visit to the premises of the Marine protected area.*

13.00-15.00 *Lunch break*

15.00-18.00 *The “Old” Adriatic city and its heritage: excursion to the city of Atri*

October 30, 2023 (Teramo)

10.00-13.00 *Development 15 years after the Earthquake”. Roundtable between BIP participants and civil society actors at the Department of Communication Science - Classroom 10*

October 31, 2023 (Teramo)

10.00-12.00 *De-briefing and closure of the activities at the Department of Communication Science - Classroom 2*

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