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INTERNATIONAL LANDSCAPE SCHOOL *Research Patches and World Imaginaries*

Valle di Astino, Valle di Scalve
9-10-11-12 April 2025

PhD Program in *Landscape Studies for Global and Local Challenges*

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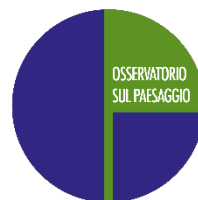
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Objective: The International Landscape School is an on-field interdisciplinary research experience promoted by the UniBg PhD Program in Landscape Studies for Global and Local Challenges and addressed to 20 PhD students. The aim is to integrate geographical and historical theories, methods, and tools with other disciplines – such as linguistics, visual studies, sociology, architecture, urban planning, etc. – to reflect on landscape as a complex and trans-scale concept. It is, therefore, articulated in three main sessions starting from global challenges related to world dynamics and imaginaries launched by three keynotes speeches about “landscape”, “Earth urbanity”, and “heritage”. Each session, then, focuses on a specific case study considered as “research patch”, the global stakes of which will be highlighted: the Astino Valley EU Landscape Award, the EU-LEADER Local Action Group of the Hills of Bergamo, and the Scalve Valley EU Archaeological Industrial Heritage.

Methods: A collaborative approach will guide PhD students in some immersive research experiences, based on methods for the global – ecological, just, economic, and digital – transitions to face world challenges, with a focus on “territorial patches”, as local contexts considered in a multiscale perspective.

Scientific Committee: Jean-Marc Besse, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales; Federica Burini, UniBg; Angelo Cattaneo, Istituto di Storia dell'Europa Mediterranea del Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche; Edith Fagnoni, Sorbonne Université; Alessandra Ghisalberti, UniBg; Michel Lussault, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon; Riccardo Rao, UniBg

Communication: Stefania Consonni, UniBg

Organizational Committee: Giovanni Baiocchi, UniBg; Lisa Bettini, UniBg; Elisa Consolandi, UniBg; Valeria Giudici, Sorbonne Université; Mikel Magoni, UniBg

Languages: English, Italian, French

Participants: 10 UniBg PhD students in Landscape Studies for Global and Local Challenges; 10 PhD students from other UniBg programmes or other Universities

Participation fees: the International Landscape School is free. Each PhD student should however provide for their own mobility and accommodation expenses.

Institutional partners: Associazione dei Geografi Italiani, Association des Géographes Français, Associazione Italiana Insegnanti di Geografia, BAUHAUS4EU, CNR Istituto di Metodologie per l'Analisi Ambientale, CNR Istituto di Storia dell'Europa Mediterranea, Heritage International Institute.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, 9 April – Ancient Monastery of Astino

2.00 pm – Welcome to PhD students

2.15 pm – Opening and Greetings

Fabio Bombardieri, President, MIA Foundation

Flaminia Nicora, Deputy Rector at International Relations, University of Bergamo

Vittorio Rodeschini, European Landscape Observatory

2.30 pm – An Introduction to the International Landscape School

Alessandra Ghisalberti, Coordinator of the PhD program in Landscape Studies for Global and Local Challenges



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First session – Landscapes and World Imaginaries: The Astino Valley Patch

3.00 pm – Research Approaches: Les questions actuelles de la théorie du paysage

Jean Marc Besse, CNRS-École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales

3:40 pm – Discussion with PhD Students, led by Fulvio Adobati

4.00 pm – Research Methods: Historical Imaginaries of the Landscape

World Imaginaries: Colonial and Missionary Landscapes and Networks, Angelo Cattaneo

Benedictine Monasticism in Medieval Europe: The Vallombrosan Monks, Francesco Lo Monaco

Astino Valley Imaginaries from Middle Ages to the EU Landscape Award, Riccardo Rao

5.30 pm – Discussion with PhD Students, led by Giulio Mirabella Roberti and Alessandro Ricci

6.00 pm – Research Tools for Global Transitions

A Guided Walk in the Astino Valley, EU Landscape Award, with Lisa Bettini and Valeria Giudici

8.00 pm – Dinner

Thursday, 10 April – Domus of Astino

Second session – Earth Urbanity and New Co-inhabiting: The Hills of Bergamo Patch

9.30 am – Research approaches: Cohabitons: pour une Nouvelle Urbanité Terrestre

Michel Lussault, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon

10.30 am – Discussion with PhD Students, led by Elena Mazzoleni

11.00 am – Research Methods: Urban Landscapes and Inhabitants

Linguistic Landscapes and Urban Imaginaries around the World: from Italian Overseas Communities to Street Art, Barbara Turchetta

Urban Architectures and European Connections: The Hilly Landscapes of Alzano Lombardo, Mariangela Carlessi

UniBg as a Trans-scale Driver of Cultural Innovation: EU LEADER Strategies in the Bergamo Hills, Alessandra Ghisalberti

12.30 am – Discussion with PhD Students, led by Rosa Coluzzi (CNR-IMAA) and Marco Tononi

2:00 pm – Research Tools for Global Transitions

Workshop - AI, Landscapes, Mapping – led by Federica Burini and Matteo Spreafico

What could be more exciting than to confront our landscapes and mappings with the 'hallucinations' of artificial intelligence (AI)? By combining mapping and new technologies, we can experience a metamorphosis of world imaginaries, and we can raise questions about the challenges posed by new technologies, in terms of the generation of new scenarios.



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4:00 pm - Publishing in an Academic International Journal, Filippo Menga



Hyperplaces

Words | Music | Worlds

A Transmedia Co-Creation Event with Michel Lussault

(a Public Engagement initiative of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures)

5:00 pm

Welcome to MovieScapes: HyperPlaces

Stefania Consonni

Is Astino a Hyperplace?

Michel Lussault

Video and music by Stefano Giovannardi and Luca Lezziero

With the participation of the PhD students

Media partner: UniBG OnAir – the University of Bergamo's web radio

Friday, 11 April – The Scalve Valley Ancient Community House

The field trip to Scalve Valley is organised within the research project "Verso una rigenerazione territoriale e reticolare della Valle di Scalve: un nuovo turismo per un nuovo abitare", within Imago Mundi Lab, CST-Centro studi sul territorio "Lelio Pagani"

Third session – Archaeological Industrial Heritage: The Scalve Valley Patch

8.00 am – Departure from Bergamo bus station

9.30 am – Welcome to the Ancient Community House in Vilminore di Scalve

10.00 am – Research Approaches: Quand l'usine devient patrimoine. Territoires en transformation en quête de nouvelle(s) identité(s)

Edith Fagnoni, Sorbonne Université

10.45 am – Discussion with PhD Students, led by Stefano Morosini

11.00 am – Research Methods: Mountain Heritage and Inhabitants

Outstanding Alpine Landscape and Obsolete Structures. Values, Devalues and Management, Viviana Ferrario

European Dams and Communities' Cultures: Gleno as a Memory of the Landscape, Lorenzo Migliorati

Scalve Valley Archaeological Industrial Heritage in a Multiscale Perspective, Federica Burini

12.30 am – Discussion with PhD Students, led by Vito Imbrenda (CNR-IMAA) and Cinzia Spinzi

2.00 pm – Research Tools for Global Transitions

An Immersive Walk through the Industrial Heritage of Scalve Valley, with Alice Bassanesi and Mikel Magoni

5.00 pm – Departure from Vilminore di Scalve

6.30 pm – Arrival in Bergamo



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Saturday, 12 April – Ancient Monastery of Astino

Final session – Research Patches and World Imaginaries as Professional Skills

Chair: Alessandra Ghisalberti

9.30 am – Feedback from the PhD Students: Presentation led by Giovanni Baiocchetti

11:00 am – Round Table of the Institutional Partners and Faculty members of the PhD Program in Landscape Studies for Global and Local Challenges (dual mode)

12.30 am – Final Remarks and Future Perspectives