SHAPING REGIONAL FUTURES:
Designing and visioning in governance rescaling

Conference programme

Day 1 – 18th May 2017
Metropolitan cities in the context of governance rescaling

The first day of the conference is divided in four sessions. During the first session, prepositions concerning the role of designing and visioning in governance rescaling are presented and discussed. The second and third session are dedicated to governance rescaling processes across Europe and the role played by design and visioning. The fourth session introduces a first set of regional design and visioning both in planning practices and in their communication.

9.00 - 9.30 Participant registration

9.30 - 10.00 Welcome and Introduction

Valeria Lingua, Assistant professor of Urban & Regional Planning, Department of Architecture, University of Florence
Marco Bindi, Vice-President (Pro-Rettore) of the University of Florence
Saverio Mecca, Dean of the Department of Architecture, University of Florence
Pietro Rubellini, Director of the Metropolitan City of Florence
Andrea Simoncini, Professor of Constitutional Law, Political Science and Law Department, University of Florence; Co-ordinator of the Scientific Committee for the Metropolitan city of Florence
Silvia Viviani, President of National Town Planning Institute (INU)
Roberto Masini, President of the Association of Architects of the Metropolitan City of Florence

10.00 – 11.30 Regional design and visioning in governance rescaling
Chair: Giuseppe De Luca, Associate professor of Urban & Regional Planning, Department of Architecture, University of Florence

Introduction: visioning and designing in interactive governance, between soft and hard spaces for planning.
Valeria Lingua, Assistant professor of Urban & Regional Planning, Department of Architecture, University of Florence

Prepositions: Enhancing governance capacity in metropolitan regions through regional design.
Wil Zonneveld, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Delft University of Technology

The renaissance of big plans. The role of regional design
Alain Thierstein, Professor of Urban Development, Faculty of Architecture, Munich University of Technology

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.00 The context: Governance rescaling across Europe
Chair: Valeria Lingua, University of Florence

Governance rescaling and strategic planning in England
Graham Haughton, Professor of Urban Planning, School of Environment, Education and Development, University of Manchester

Territorial administrative organization and spatial planning from regional to soft spaces in Portugal
João Pedro Costa and Cristina Cavaco, Assistant Professors of Urbanism, Faculty of Architecture, University of Lisbon

13.00 – 14.30 Light lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Effects of governance rescaling in spatial planning practices
Chair: Wil Zonneveld, Delft University of Technology

The strategic role of spatial planning in redefining scales and governance structures in Denmark
Daniel Galland, Associate Professor of Urban & Regional Planning, Department of Development & Planning, Aalborg University

Strategic planning in Russia: From national to local government approaches
Limonov Leonid, Director of ICSER "Leontief Centre", NRU HSE, St. Petersburg, Russia

The institutional reforms on spatial planning for French metropolitan cities and agglomerations
Anna Geppert, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Paris-Sorbonne, France, President of AESOP, the Association of European Schools of Planning

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 Visioning in governance rescaling: The Metropolitan city of Florence
Chair: Saverio Mecca, University of Florence

Introduction
Luigi Dei, President (Rettore) of the University of Florence

Representing and Communicating the metropolis: Florence
Fabio Lucchesi, Associate professor of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Florence

Metropolitan Renaissance: A vision for the Metropolitan City of Florence
Valeria Lingua, University of Florence

The strategic plan in perspective: governance options
Andrea Simoncini, University of Florence

18.00 Conclusion
Valeria Lingua, University of Florence & Verena Balz, Chair of Spatial Planning & Strategy, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

Day 2 – 19 May
Shaping the future of metropolitan cities: theories and practices

The second day of the conference is dedicated to regional design and visioning practices. A variety of practices are introduced to reflect on their roles in governance rescaling. A first session discusses roles from a theoretical perspective. During consecutive sessions two strands of practices are discussed, concerning the definition of urban regions and the discussion about their future through both visioning and the use of metaphors. Case studies of regional design and visioning practices are presented by experts engaged in these processes and, during a final round table, they are discussed in the light of prepositions and theoretical notions.

9.30 – 11.00 Regional design and visioning: advancing theories
Chair: Valeria Lingua, University of Florence

Regional design as a discretionary approach to planning
Verena Balz, Chair of Spatial Planning & Strategy, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

How regional designing affects spatial planning
J. Annet Kempenaar, Chair of Landscape Architecture, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

The synthesising competencies of regional designers
Lukas Gilliard, Chair of Urban Development, Munich University of Technology

Discussion
Prepositions, concerning roles of design and visioning in governance rescaling, from a theoretical perspective

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Shaping regional futures through metaphors
Chair: Giuseppe De Luca, University of Florence

Porous cities and horizontal metropolis
Paola Viganò, Professor of Urbanism & Urban Design, EPFL Lausanne, University of Venice IUAV

The horizontal metropolis
Michiel Dehaene, Associate professor in Urban analysis and design, Department of Architecture & Urban Planning, University of Gent,

The Patchwork Metropolis: from theory to practice
Carlo Pisano, School of Architecture, University of Cagliari

Discussion
Prepositions, concerning roles of metaphors in governance rescaling

13.00 – 14.30 Light lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Parallel sessions

Shaping regional futures: metropolitan visions and plans
Chair: **Alain Thierstein**, TUMunich

Zurich Metropolitan visions
Anna Schindler, Head of Urban Development, City of Zurich
Antwerp, City of Tomorrow

Katlijn Van der Veken, director of the Department of Urban Space, City of Antwerp, and Katrijn Apostel, project leader Strategic Structure Plan of Antwerp

The vision for the general local plans of Kruja, Kurbin and Lezha in the framework of the Albanian Administrative-Territorial Reform
Roberto Mascarucci, University of Chieti-Pescara,
Charged of the general local plans
Discussion

Shaping regional futures: design approaches
Chair: **Verena Balz**, TUDelft

Atelier Making Projects: Promoting planning by means of regional design studios in the Netherlands
Jelte Boeijenga, reporter on Atelier Making Projects, independent researcher, planner and author

Palermo Mediterranean Gateway City

Daniele Ronsivalle, University of Palermo, charged for the Strategic Plan for the metropolitan city of Palermo

Munich Metropolitan City
Agnes Förster, Studio Stadt Region, München
Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.30 Conclusion
Chair: **Valeria Lingua** & **Giuseppe De Luca**, University of Florence

Synthesis of case studies discussions - Roundtable
Conclusion