

# A WEEK IN FLORENCE

இந்தி - இத்தாலியத் meeting

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### Indo - Italian meeting

Rich in natural resources and ancient profound cultures, India, one of the BRIC countries, new leading poles of the global development, is going through a phase of great expansion, with new chances to successfully address persistent poverty and urban decay too.

On different sides expertise in Italian universities, the Florence one in particular, can find challenging opportunities for collaboration, if supported by qualified exchanges at various levels.

This initiative, *A Week in Florence. Indo-Italian Meeting* - open to students, researchers, professors and people interested in Indian culture and society - operates in this direction, aimed at broadening and strengthening relations between the universities and, more generally, between various cultural and economic dynamic sectors of the cities involved.

The "Week" has been organized by the LabPSM of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, thanks to the MoUs with the two Indian universities and Cooperlink funds coming from Ministry of Education, University and Recherche. It represents a central moment of confrontation with the School of Architecture of Jadavpur University in Kolkata and the School of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi, in continuity with numerous common activities undertaken since 2008: bachelor theses and PhD co-supervision, mobility Cooperlink Program, events in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in India, mutual visiting Indians and Italian professors giving lectures, seminars at master and phd courses, etc. The aim is to enable: Indian guests to get in touch, as well as with the Florentine academic world, with diverse realities of our city and region; the Italian partners to know the high level of urban and regional studies carried out in two of the most prestigious Indian universities. The realistic hope is the take off of new joint training, research and international cooperation projects.

## PROGRAM

### MONDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>

9.00 - 18.00 DUPT / LabPSM, Palazzo di San Clemente  
Via Micheli 2, Firenze

Welcome:

- Dean of the Faculty of Architecture
  - Head of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning
- Seminar 1 / New Delhi – Kolkata – Florence:

- Training and Experiences in Urban / Regional Planning and Design

14.00 - 15.00 Lunch

### TUESDAY, JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>

9.00 - 10.00 Palazzo del Rettorato, Sala Senato Accademico  
Piazza San Marco 4, Firenze

Welcome:

- Rector of the University of Florence
- Deputy Rector for International Relationship
- Deputy Ambassador of India in Italy

10.00 - 18.00 DUPT / LabPSM, Palazzo di San Clemente,  
Via Micheli 2, Firenze

Seminar 2 / New Delhi - Kolkata - Florence:

- Cultural Heritage, Participation, Inclusion / Exclusion, Public Space

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>

9.30 - 13.00 LaRIST, Ospedale Vecchio  
Via Paladini 40, Empoli

Presentation of activities and recent researches:

- GIS and time dimension: persistence and metamorphosis in Tuscan settlements
- GIS and landscape description: the landscape plan of Puglia region
- GIS and public participation: Collaborative Mapping, Emotional Map, Citizens' Atlas

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 20.00 Visit to Certaldo e Siena

### THURSDAY, JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>

9.30 - 13.30 Regione Toscana / General Directorate  
of Spatial, Environmental and Mobility Policies  
Via di Novoli 26, Firenze,

Welcome:

Prof. Anna Marson Regional Councillor for Planning  
*Presentation of land-use policies and projects:*

- Parco Agricolo della Piana project, a peri-urban park in Florence metropolitan area
- The landscape of Toscana region: a new general plan in the pipeline
- Cartography, GIS and urban planning processes: archive and services

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

15.00 - 18.00 Villa La Pietra / New York University,  
Via Bolognese 120, Firenze

Visit and lecture:

Prof. Grazia Gobbi Sica

- The Villa, the Acton Collection and the Gardens
- The Florentine Villa: Architecture, History, Society

### FRIDAY, JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

9.30 - 15.00 Centro Sociale Il Pozzo / Comunità Le Piagge,  
Via Lombardia 1/p, Firenze

Tour in the North-Western suburbs:

- The experience of the Comunità Le Piagge
- Florence counter-geographies
- Housing frontline: urban squatters and local housing movements
- Upgrading of river Arno banks: Giancarlo De Carlo's project

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

India - Florence Connection:

M. Gloria Roselli The Indian Ethnological Museum  
Selvaggia Velo River to River: Indian films in Florence

15.00 - 18.00 Passeggiata

from Ponte all'Indiano to Ponte Vecchio

20.00 Farewell dinner



## MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> - DETAILED PROGRAM

*Palazzo di San Clemente, Aula Magna*

### 9.00 - Welcome

*Prof. Saverio Mecca* Dean of the Faculty of Architecture

*Prof. Marco Massa* Head of Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning

9.20 - Introduction to A Week in Florence *Prof. Raffaele Paloscia*

### Opening Session

9.30 - Theorising the Asian City. The Cosmology of the Everyday

*Prof. K. T. Ravindran*

10.15 - Discussion

### First session - Indian Cities: architecture and policies

10.30 - Urban Heritage and Conservation Management in Kolkata

*Prof. Shivashish Bose*

10.50 - Pathuriaghata of Chitpur: Kolkata's Lost Paradise of Palaces *Prerana Chatterjee*

11.10 - Understanding the Urban Design Aspects: A Sacred Precinct in Kolkata *Tanmoy Datta*

11.30 - Riverfront Development in an Indian Context: Case Study of Varanasi *Arnab Ray*

11.50 - Discussion

12.10 - Urban Design Analysis of a Colonial Heritage Town: Cooch-Bihar, West Bengal *Subhadip Roy*

12.30 - Urban Renewal of Barabati Fort & Bali Jatra Field Area: Space Morphology and Integrated Development *Gayatri Dalai*

12.50 - Revitalization of a Historic Precinct: Shivsagar in Assam *Silpirekha Pandit*

13.10 - From Grass Root to Block Level: Participatory Planning in Kerala State *Prof. N. Sridharan, Neha Sunil Potdar, Ahana Roy*

13.30 - Discussion

14.00 - Lunch

### Second session - The experience of LabPSM in the World

15.00 - The LabPSM: Training, Researches, Cooperation Projects *Prof. Raffaele Paloscia*

15.20 - The Florence/Belgrade Connection: Good Practices of Universities Collaboration *Giovanni Ruffini*

15.40 - Informal City. Experiences of Action Research in Latin America *Elena Tarsi*

16.00 - Enhancing Local Potentials: the Case of Salcedo in the Dominican Republic *Carmelita Breccione Mattucci*

16.20 - From Citizens' Perception to Self-Sustainable Projects: the Case of Periurban Areas in Dakar, Senegal *Rita Biconne*

16.40 - Cairo New Heritage: the Role of Traditional Patterns in the Contemporary City *Elisa Bertagnini, Michele Morbidoni*

17.00 - Discussion

17.30 - Closing

## TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> - DETAILED PROGRAM

*Palazzo del Rettorato, Sala Senato Accademico*

### 9.00 - Welcome

*Prof. Alberto Tesi* Rector University of Florence

*Prof. Michele Papa* Vice Rector for International Relationships

*Mr. Saurabh Kumar* Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India

### First Session - The Value of Participation

*Palazzo di San Clemente, Aula Magna*

10.00 - Participatory Spaces & Urban Inequalities

*Prof. N. Sridharan*

10.30 - Roots and Developments of Interactive Planning

*Prof. Giancarlo Paba*

10.50 - *La Città Bambina*: Experiences of Participatory Planning in Florence Schools *Annalisa Pecoriello*

11.10 - Discussion

11.30 - From Segmented City to DiverCity *Camilla Perrone*

11.50 - New Urban Reactions. New Delhi 2011, Resistance to the Anti-City *Claudia Roselli*

12.10 - Urban Transformation and Social Inclusion in Brazilian Cities *Elena Tarsi*

12.30 - Discussion

13.00 - Lunch

### Second Session - Cultural Heritage. Material and Immaterial

14.30 - Ecological Lessons from the Rural Past: the Case of Tuscany *Prof. Raffaele Paloscia*

14.50 - Informality and Tradition in the Mediterranean Settlements: a Methodological Approach *Michele Morbidoni*

15.10 - Discussion

### Closing Session - Public Space Today

15.30 - Public Space and European Peripheries Regeneration, 1960-2010 *Prof. Marco Massa*

16.00 - Durga Puja Festival in Kolkata: Heritage, Temporary Urban Art and Architectural Form *Shivashish Bose*

16.30 - Public Spaces / Private Dream *Prof. K. T. Ravindran*

17.20 - Discussion

18.00 - Closing



## LOCATIONS

**DUPT - Department of Urban and Regional Planning of the University of Florence** is a renowned centre of urban, regional and environmental studies with a wide international relationships network. It is made up of a permanent academic staff of 40 members (full, associate and assistant professors) and dozens of young post doc, scholarship and contract researchers. DUPT is well equipped with up-to date library's collection and map archive and publish *Contesti*, its six-monthly Journal.

*Via Micheli 2, Firenze*

[www.urba.unifi.it/mdswitch.html](http://www.urba.unifi.it/mdswitch.html)

**LabPSM - Laboratory City and Territory in the South of the World** operates since mid-90s at the DUPT, University of Florence, more and more a point of reference for training and research activities on topic as urban, regional and environmental planning and physical transformation in cities and non urban areas in the Southern and the BRIC countries, with a direct engagement of academic and no-academic, Italians and foreigners, partners, all committed in the promotion and implementation of projects of international cooperation.

*Via Micheli 2, Firenze*

[www.urba.unifi.it/CMpro-v-p-448.html](http://www.urba.unifi.it/CMpro-v-p-448.html)

**LaRIST - Laboratory of Territorial Identity Graphic Display** operates at the Empoli decentralized seat of the DUPT, University of Florence. Its aim is to carry out research activities and surveys on urban, regional, environmental issues. Larist got a specific, renowned skill on applications of Geographic Information and Communication Technologies and other advanced technologies for the management, representation and publishing of geographic information at various scales of planning.

*Via Paladini 40, Empoli*

[www.larist.it](http://www.larist.it)

**General Directorate of Spatial, Environmental and Mobility Policies**, part of the Regione Toscana administration, is made up of a large multidisciplinary staff of planners, geographers, environment experts, etc. operating under the coordination of the Councillor for planning. The Directorate has the task of supporting the regional government in the decision-making process on regional planning and of monitoring and coordinating the planning activity of Provinces and Municipalities.

*Via di Novoli 26, Firenze*

[www.regione.toscana.it/territorio](http://www.regione.toscana.it/territorio)

**Villa La Pietra** is the most prestigious seat of the New York University's global program. The teaching faculty (more than 60 instructors) comes to NYU in Florence from some of the leading academic institutions in the area. The Villa, bequeathed to NYU in 1994 by Sir Harold Acton, serves as an extraordinary example of the Florentine suburban landscape. Its magnificent building is surrounded by gardens and 57 acres of olive groves, maintained as they were by the Acton family.

*Via Bolognese 120, Firenze*

[www.nyu.edu/lapietra](http://www.nyu.edu/lapietra)

**Comunità Le Piagge** is located in a suburb of western Florence, whose inhabitants represent a variety of ethnic groups, cultures and religions.

The **Centro Sociale Il Pozzo** is the heart of the community, a place of social innovation and experimentation. They practice participation, mutual help, fair trade, microcredit, green and fair local economies, children care, lifelong learning, social inclusion, promoting an idea of neighbourhood ecological development.

*Via Lombardia 1/p, Firenze*

[www.comunitadellepiagge.it](http://www.comunitadellepiagge.it)

