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Networks, Markets & People for transitioning settlement systems.
Communities, Institutions and Enterprises towards post-humanism epistemologies and AI challenges



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Networks, Markets & People for transitioning settlement systems.

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The event is organized with the aim to receive contributions from national and international scientific community on urban/rural dialogue within policy agendas of sustainability, transition and cohesion, according to the directions of the Green Deal and Agenda2030.

The 2024 edition of International Symposium "Networks, Markets & People" (#NMP2024) aims to promote the scientific debate about the effects that the contemporary environmental, technological, social and economic global challenges produce on settlement systems, especially in Inner Areas and metropolitan cities of the Mediterranean basin.

Contemporary settlements express the distance between the built environment inertia and the "liquid" society flowing underneath. Blurred lines substituted the neat dualities such as culture-nature, urban-rural, central-marginal, affluent-deprived, enacting perpetual changes in between polarities.

The progressive increase in population raises new issues connected with resources availability and the ecological footprint of anthropic activities.

The theme of the green transition requires multidisciplinary points of view, touching on very different issues such as infrastructures and mobility systems, green buildings and energy communities, ecosystem services and land consumption.

In this scenario, a post humanist epistemology assumes that humans are dependent on the environment, and part of a larger evolving ecosystem whose agency is distributed through dynamic forces. Climate change challenges reinforced the understanding that human is entangled with its environment, encouraging in defining novel epistemologies, including, but not limited to, several disciplines: architecture, urban studies, economics, cybernetics, ecology, ethology, geography, art, psychoanalysis, sociology, anthropology and quantum physics.

The new frontier of adaptive and flexible production, supported by the ongoing digital revolution, encourages a rethinking of the concepts of proximity and interdependence within human settlements, with a paradigm shift in the center-periphery dualism. In this context, the social reproduction approach is mainly oriented at spatial justice, re-use, regeneration and environmental care.

Digital technologies and artificial intelligence bring extraordinary potential to institutions, companies and social organisations, but also carry the risk of negative impacts of unmanaged innovation.

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The Artificial Intelligence, challenging the labor market, has been seen lately as both the exploitation and the destruction of the human being as known until now. The progressive replacement of human workforce with machines no longer concerns the traditional industries only, affecting intellectual and creative productions.

The side effects of this transition need to be studied in order to share benefits and tradeoffs equitably between technology and service developers on the one hand, and individuals and communities on the other.

Accessibility rights to services and goods, social inclusion, commoning and sharing economies, as well as informalities and self-organization permeate the incoming social organization associated with the digital transition, towards inclusive concepts of citizenship.

Social innovation practices, collaborative governance models, open innovation frontiers, human non-human entanglements concur in setting the route for the next generation settlements, notably: the built environment, the social system and the complexity and challenges of the everyday life.

These phenomena are even more significant for marginalized areas, which are compelled to face the risk of widening the socio-economic gap with advanced regions, as happens in some territories of Mediterranean bordering countries.

Green and digital transition are the two pillars on which European policies are based for the period 2021-27, above all through the instrument of the Next Generation EU. The substantial investments planned by the EU to support the green and digital transition in the coming years require multidimensional evaluation systems, capable of supporting decision-makers in selecting the interventions most effective in pursuing the objectives, also considering that the financial resources used for the Policy implementation are borrowed from future generations, who will be held accountable for our work.



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CALL FOR SESSIONS

SESSIONS **Networks Markets & People** offers the opportunity to organize sessions dedicated to the in-depth analysis of specific topics. Sessions may be theoretical, methodological, thematic, interdisciplinary and have broadly conceived or more narrowly focused subjects.

Session proposals must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. CST, November 13th, 2023**. Please send the proposal form to nmp@unirc.it and indicate the corresponding author if there is more than one organizer. Remember, the official language of the conference is English and all submissions should be in English. The Session will be approved if it will receive at least 6 contributions.

After the manuscript reviewing process, the thematic sessions that will not maintain at least 6 contributions, will be merged according to the related topics.

Please bear in mind that each participant cannot be author, alone or with others, of more than two papers for each session. The sessions' chairs are entitled to 1 free publication and have the task of identifying two referees for each paper with the support of the Scientific Organizing Committee; they will also receive a certificate for their work.

Download the **session proposal form** [HERE](#)



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Main topics for thematic sessions

Horizon Europe, the European framework programme for research and innovation for the 2021-27 period, consistent with SDGs, is taken as general framework for the symposium scientific debate. Sessions that embrace cross-cultural, transnational and Euro Mediterranean based issues are particularly welcome.

Among the clusters in which Horizon Europe is divided, the most relevant ones for the aims of the symposium are:

- Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

The proposals for thematic sessions may concern the following topics:

- *Urban and Territorial Planning to fight territorial marginalization, reducing inequalities*
- *Evolving ecosystems and post-humanisms in planning*
- *Social Innovation, Intercultural Dialogue, Community Led Practices and Collaborative Governance for Social Integration and Inclusion and for a Multicultural Society*
- *Safeguarding cultural heritage, exploring the potential of cultural and creative sectors, and promoting socio-economic transformations*
- *Multidimensional evaluation of cultural heritage enhancement projects*
- *Cultural Tourism, Landscapes and Destination Management Organizations*
- *Accessibility and design for all*
- *Gender perspectives in planning*
- *Urban and Regional Geographical Analysis*
- *Global value chains, reshape of business models, job creation and labour markets*
- *Strategic planning, complex decision-making processes and integrated decision-aid evaluations*
- *Regeneration of urban marginalized areas and public-private partnerships*
- *Settlements systems and Real Estate markets dynamics*
- *Economic feasibility and sustainability of building rehabilitation projects*
- *Key and emerging enabling technologies for digitization and production*
- *Machine learning, neural networks, computational and artificial intelligence, robotics*
- *Next generation internet*
- *Advanced computing and Big Data*
- *Green and Blue Growth and competitive, clean, digital and low-carbon industry*
- *Resilient and effective alternatives to fossil-based economy*
- *Manufacturing technologies and advanced materials*
- *Life Cycle Assessment, Life Cycle Cost*
- *Risk management, mitigation and adaption strategies to climate changes*
- *Energy sector and: energy supply; energy systems and grids; energy storage*
- *Renewable energy sources and energy efficiency, adapting social behaviour in view of the SDGs: buildings and industrial facilities in energy transition; energies communities and smart cities*
- *Transport sector more climate and environment-friendly, more efficient, competitive and accessible, smarter, safer and more resilient*
- *Rural Development, spatial justice and environment safeguarding*
- *Agriculture, food systems and nutrition security for all*
- *Socio-demographic dynamics in rural areas, rural wellbeing and digital transition*
- *Inclusive territorial socio-ecological policies, climate change adaption strategies, and smart rural development approaches*
- *Transition to a resource efficient and circular economy and sustainable bioeconomy, nature-based solutions and bio-based innovation systems in the bioeconomy*
- *Restoring, sustainably managing and using forestry and others natural and biological resources from land, inland waters and sea, to stop biodiversity erosion*

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ICOMOS DAYS

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Territories and
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Consiglio Internazionale
dei Monumenti e dei Siti
Comitato Nazionale Italiano

ICOMOS

international council on monuments and sites

ICOMOS Days on Territories and Cultural Tourism

In the context of the “**Networks Markets & People**” International Symposium, the Italian ICOMOS Committee encourages to submit scientific contributions and session proposals for the ICOMOS Day on “Territories and Cultural Tourism”.

The main objective of the ICOMOS Days is to host a cultural debate aimed at involving all those who work in this field. The hope is to get by scientific debate useful directions to plan and implement actions able to maximize the contribution of Cultural Heritage as social and economic driver.

The Italian Cultural Heritage with its landscapes, cities and intangible resources is a unique tourist offer and increases competitiveness and attractiveness of our country, as highlighted by MIBACT in 2017 with the Strategic Development Plan of Tourism, and in particular by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza - PNRR) “#Next Generation Italia”.

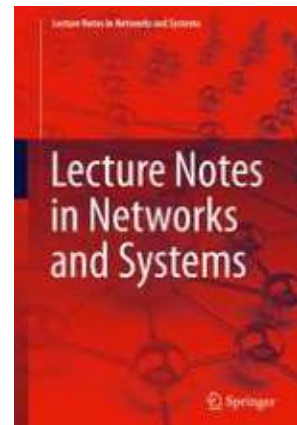
The macroareas that define the topics are:

- Cultural Tourism
- Cultural Landscape
- Cultural Routes
- Villages and Historic Towns
- Sites of Religions and Rituals

Session proposals are encouraged to target these concepts and focus on significant subjects according to the Symposium main theme. Session and paper proposals are aimed at all experts on these issues and must observe the scientific methodology according to the Call for Sessions (#CfS2024) and the Call for Papers (#CfP2024).

NMP2024 PROCEEDINGS

Submitted papers will be carefully peer-reviewed by at least two experts, chosen by subject/area, and evaluated on originality, significance, technical accuracy and clarity of exposition.



Accepted papers will be published in Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems (2367-3370) by SPRINGER. LNNS volumes are indexed in the Conference Proceedings Citation Index (CPCI), part of Clarivate Analytics' Web of Science; Scopus; etc.

Where required, the publication in open access should be specifically requested and has additional costs, to be verified.

Among other publication opportunities, Authors of selected outstanding papers will be invited to submit extended versions of their papers for consideration of publication in international scientific journals, selected by the scientific board.

Further information and details will be given in due course on the official website.

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PAPER SUBMISSION

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As the session proposals are received, they will be communicated via e-mail and through the symposium website. Follow the Symposium updates www.nmp.unirc.it.

Starting from November 14th and until December 18th 2023 it will be possible to send the papers through the procedure illustrated below.

Step 1 - Register

Authors must firstly be registered to the symposium [web-platform](#).

Registration:

- Click on "Account" button on the top left side of the page
- Follow the instruction to finalize the registration
- Fill in the registration form
- Please note! As last step of the registration form, specify "create account as" "Author: Able to submit items to the conference"
- Press the "Create" button at the end of the registration

Step 2 - Prepare your paper proposal

- 1 - Before submitting your papers, please remember to download the [Template Packet](#) via nmp.unirc.it
- 2 - At least one author for each accepted final paper must be registered.
- 3 - Please remind that preliminary abstract submission is not needed.
- 4 - All experimental or theoretical papers must be written in UK English and report original, previously unpublished research results.
- 5 - The total length of the submitted paper should be between 6- and 10-pages including Title, abstract, figure, legends, tables and references. Papers with less than 6 pages will be automatically rejected.
- 6 - Authors may submit more than one paper, multiple authors either. For each additional paper by the same author, there is a charge of 320 € per additional paper. Each author can propose a maximum of 2 papers per session, and present just one paper during the symposium.
- 7 - Please, make sure your paper has a ".docm" extension before submission.

For example: *NMP2024_MyPaper.docm*

Step 3 - Submit your paper

- 1 - Click on the "STEP ONE OF THE SUBMISSION PROCESS" button to submit your paper.
- 2 - Fill in the submission form. Note that abstract cannot be longer than 500 words. The upload of a word file of the paper is required to finalize your submission.
- 3 - To accelerate the review process and guarantee the final decision in due time, the paper will be sent to the reviewers few days after the submission. For this reason, authors are warmly invited to upload just papers ready to be referred. The upload of the final version can be done after the review process is terminated.
- 4 - You can check the list of papers for which you are author or co-author once you log-in to the [web-platform](#).

The definitive programme will be available by the end of April 2024 on nmp.unirc.it

Submit your paper via [NMP2024 web platform](#) according to the call for papers deadline.
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PARTICIPATION FEES

	Senior in presence/online	Early Career** in presence/online	Accompanying Senior
REGULAR	320,00 €/ 240,00 €	190,00 €/120,00 €	80,00 €
REDUCED*	250,00 €/160,00 €	110,00 €/90,00 €	80,00 €

* Members of the scientific partnership and invited authors.

** This special rate must be considered benefit for young researchers, therefore it applies to only a contribution drawn exclusively from PhD candidates, Fellows, Graduate students (whose condition is duly attested).

Please note: the fee is intended to cover a contribution of max 10 pages length.		
Extra Costs	Additional paper's pages (max 4 extra pages)	40,00 €/extra page
	Additional paper by the same author (max 2 papers per session)	320,00 €/extra paper

WHAT IS INCLUDED

The registration fee includes:

- In presence presentation: Paper Presentation, Proceedings' file, Attendance to all Sessions and coffee breaks, one paper to be published in LNNS (2367-3370), SPRINGER, ASTRI membership for the event.
- Virtual presentation: Paper Presentation, Proceedings' file, Attendance to all Sessions, one paper to be published in LNNS (2367-3370) - SPRINGER, ASTRI membership for the event.

The length of each camera-ready paper will be limited to 10 pages.

The registration fee includes the publication of one accepted paper of up to 10 pages, in the symposium proceeding. For each additional sheet there is a charge of 40,00 €, with a maximum of total 14 pages lengths.

For each additional paper by the same author, there is a charge of 320,00 €. Each author can present a maximum of 2 papers per session.

Payment instructions for authors and participants will be given by February 2024.

The registration fee for Accompanying Guests is 80,00 €.

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SPECIAL EVENT

EDOARDO MOLLICA AWARD



ASTRI Association, in collaboration with the Economic Evaluations and Real Estate Appraisals Lab - LABOREM, is honored to commemorate the figure and work of Edoardo Mollica - full Professor of Real Estate Appraisal and Valuation, pioneer in the research field of Inner Areas and open-eyed scholar of Metropolitan Cities.

The Award is aimed at encouraging the participation of young researchers in the scientific debate. The prize will be awarded to the most innovative and original papers written and presented exclusively by young scholars, in response to the Call For Papers NMP2024. Alternatively, the candidate's contribution should be clearly recognizable. For young scholar is meant who has not yet turned 35, at the starting date of the symposium, Ph.D. or Ph.D. candidates, without a permanent university contract.

The research topics should relate to the theme of Inner Areas, intercepting the issues of sustainable development, cultural heritage, identity, metropolitan cities or economic policies.

Those interested are invited to send an email to the NMP2024 Secretariat at nmp@unirc.it, communicating the interest in applying for the award by the **18 of December 2023**.

The Edoardo Mollica Award Committee will select and reward successful young experienced researchers' papers, assigning a grant that covers the conference fee for the registration to the NMP2024 International Symposium.

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BRIEF INSIGHT

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International Symposium

The **Networks, Markets & People International Symposium** is promoted by the UNESCO MED LAB, Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria (Italy), with ASTRI Scientific Association and the National Italian Committee of ICOMOS, in partnership with a qualified international network of academic institutions and scientific societies.

The Symposium is mainly supported by: CETRAD - Centre for Transdisciplinary Development Studies (University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Vila Real, Portugal), the NEUROLAB, DICEAM Department (Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria, Italy), the GRUPO ANTE (University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain) and LABOREM - Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria (Italy).



SYMPOSIUM LANGUAGES

ENGLISH - ITALIAN

WEB SITE

www.nmp.unirc.it

IMPORTANT DATES

November 13th, 2023 Session submission deadline

December 18th, 2023 Paper submission deadline

February 13th, 2024 Notification to authors

February 24th, 2024 Author Registration deadline

May 22th-24th, 2024 Symposium

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