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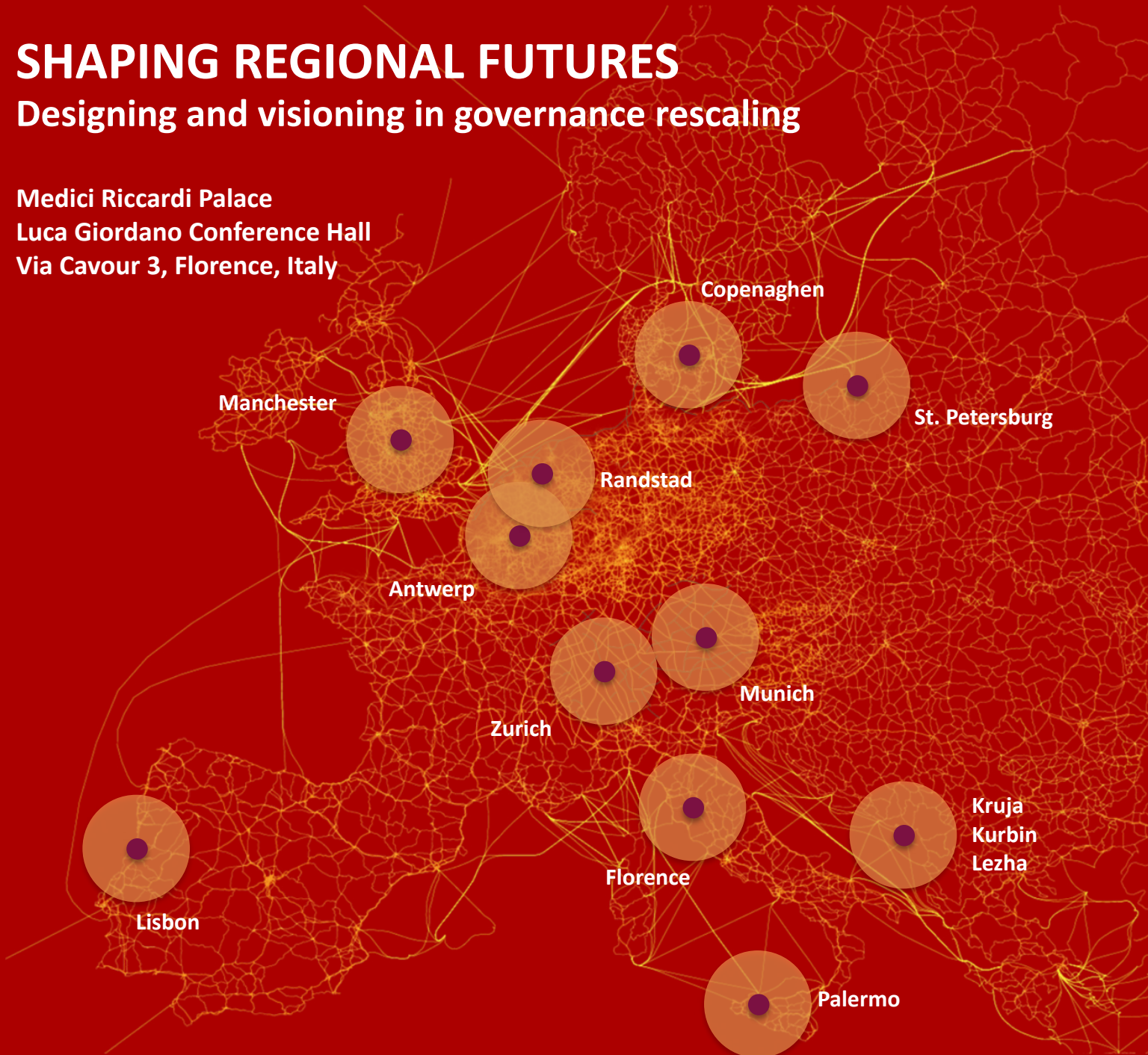
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SHAPING REGIONAL FUTURES

Designing and visioning in governance rescaling

Medici Riccardi Palace
Luca Giordano Conference Hall
Via Cavour 3, Florence, Italy



Conference programme

Day 1 – 18th May 2017

Metropolitan cities in the context of governance rescaling

8.30 – 9.00 Participant registration

9.00 – 9.45 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, University of Florence, Coordinator of the Strategic Plan 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

9.45 – 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, 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 Houghton, 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 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, University of Paris – Sorbonne, France

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 Visioning in governance rescaling: 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, Professor of Constitutional Law University of Florence

18.00 – 18.30 Conclusion

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

Day 2 – 19th May 2017

Shaping the future of metropolitan cities: theories and practices

9.00 – 9.30 **Welcome and brief synopsis of the first conference day**

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

The Ville Poreuse and the Horizontal Metropolis

Paola Viganò, Professor of Urbanism & Urban Design, EPFL Lausanne, University of Venice IUAV

The role of metaphors in defining the metropolis

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

The scale in-between and the Patchwork Metropolis

Carlo Pisano, School of Architecture, University of Cagliari

Discussion

Prepositions, concerning roles of metaphors in governance rescaling

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 **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 Masciarucci, 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

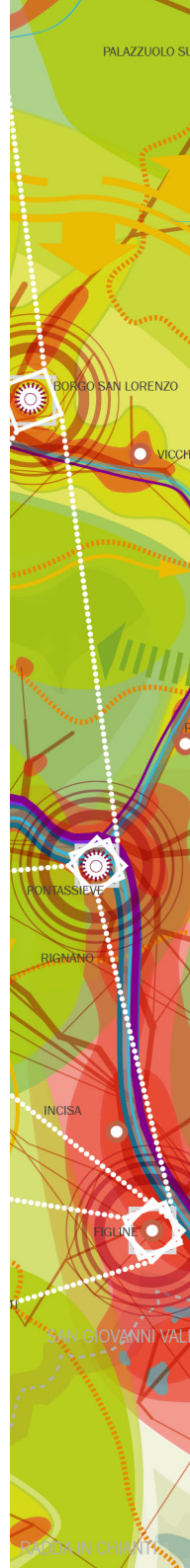
Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.30 **Conclusion**

Chair: **Valeria Lingua** & **Giuseppe De Luca**, University of Florence

Syntesis of case studies discussions - Roundtable Conclusion



Aim of the conference

The conference SHAPING REGIONAL FUTURES: DESIGNING AND VISIONING IN GOVERNANCE RESCALING discusses the role of regional design and visioning in the formation of regional territorial governance. The conference aims at an increased understanding of how practices, engaged with the imagination of possible futures, support the creation of institutional capacity for strategic spatial planning at regional scales.

Governance rescaling in spatial planning is about shifts in organisational and institutional structures that are the result of a search for efficiency, effectiveness and legitimation in planning. Such processes of rescaling take place in many European countries and find different expression: the amalgamation of municipalities, the definition of new urban/metropolitan authorities and the emergence of new commitments to co-operate in planning, for instance. Rescaling of governance has generated considerable debate, particularly in metropolitan regions, leading to a wide set of questions. Who is best equipped for regional planning? How can planning actions across administrative boundaries be motivated? How can they be legitimated?

Regional design concerns the imagination of spatial solutions for problems in particular regions and the use of these visions, even in the form of metaphors, for planning purposes. Both processes are deeply engaged with specific spatial environments and their distinct geographies. Both processes have territorial implications. They challenge formal planning by leading to the definition and re-definition of boundaries, often around non-statutory areas.

Focus of the conference SHAPING REGIONAL FUTURES is the role of designing and visioning in processes of governance rescaling. It investigates two prepositions: 1) by recognising and understanding spatial dynamics within metropolitan regions, regional design and visioning, connecting administrative boundaries; 2) the imagination of possible spatial futures through regional design and visioning contributes to shared planning agendas which seek connect broader planning objectives with concrete spatial interventions.

Discussion around these two prepositions is expected to lead to a more profound understanding of how design, visioning and governance rescaling are interrelated. Practices of regional design and visioning differ across European regions depending on planning cultures and planning systems as well as shared histories of regional governance and capacity building. This is why the conference seeks a comparative perspective: a variety of governance rescaling processes and of design and visioning practices are discussed.

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