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A SAFE FUTURE FOR THE CITY
openness to change and acceptable risk in territorial government

RICHIESTA DI CONTRIBUTI SCRITTI – CALL FOR PAPERS

For the first time in more than two centuries, technological innovation seems unable to open new markets in order to compensate for the loss of manufacturing jobs resulting from an increase in productivity. Due to this increasing lack of new professional outlets, globalization processes and enormous demographic shifts originating in the poorest and most conflict-prone areas of the world are leading to growing unease in public opinion, which views the weakness of geographical and market borders as a primary source of insecurity and uncertainty.

In reviewing the causes of this alarming instability, an additional uncontrolled factor should be highlighted. This is the discovery—which came late, certainly, but which is now no longer questioned—of the inescapable fragility of our ecosystem, whose endurance is continually threatened not only by natural calamities, but also by the traumatic effects of advancing climate change.

Due to these sudden upheavals, projections into the future are no longer perceived as an inexhaustible source of promising expectations and opportunities; rather, they encourage forms of resignation and paralysis, which certainly do not favour the development of planning abilities.

In the same way, and perhaps more than other public policies, territorial government is also suffering from this eclipse of the future. A patiently reconstructed commitment towards that change is required while securing territorial structures and settlement systems from risks directly connected to the incapability, however inevitable, to foresee the effects of decisions that were made in conditions of uncertainty.

In consideration of the unique, alarming characteristics of this situation, the skills and knowledge of scholars in social and territorial formations should be mobilized to develop an original, integrated view of a society that can be built on an economy with a low work intensity and on the changes that this new paradigm is destined to introduce. The goal is to return both the instances of change and the need for environmental risk protection to urban-management tools.

Goals and Structures of the Conference

Adopting the successful format of Urbanpromo 2016 (“A New Cycle of Urban Planning between Tactics and Strategy”), **INU** and **Urbit** aim to contribute further to the path outlined at the latest Congress of the National Institute of Urban Planning in Cagliari. An international scientific conference will therefore be held at La Triennale di Milano during the 14th edition of Urbanpromo. The conference is aimed at researchers, scholars, and professionals working at universities, in businesses, and in public administrations and relies on collaboration with **Urbanistica** and **Planum – The Journal of Urbanism**. Like last year, the latter will ensure the integral and timely publication of the papers, which will already be

disseminated and subject to discussion at the conference. As well, Urbanistica—as with issue no. 157/2016, which contained the 25 best contributions presented at the 2016 conference—will again publish a special issue with a large selection of papers deemed to be the most interesting.

In light of the overall theme of the conference, the following thematic areas are proposed for those who intend to submit a contribution:

- **the evolution of urban-planning processes on an international scale** (the impact of innovation and globalization processes, long-term spatial scenarios, shrinking cities, etc.);
- **examining the conflicts and synergies between local and global values** (paths for growth, dimensions of the economic base, demographic and social context, policies to support marginal areas, consideration of endogenous socio-cultural resources as a source of innovation, etc.);
- **risk analysis** (territorial vulnerability studies, aspects concerning the prevention of seismic risk and securing high-risk territories, analysis of hydraulic risks and heat islands, study of phenomena associated with land consumption, etc.);
- **evaluation of the positive effects of heritage enhancement and land securing** (information networks, enhancing of the value of local resources, increasing tourism demand, etc.);
- **climate change and adaptation strategies** (objectives of mitigation, examination of adaptation policies, reverse of urban regulation, ecological corridors, energy improvements, smart grid, etc.);
- **the reuse of decommissioned areas and the management of deindustrialization processes** (urban crowdsourcing and temporary/permanent uses, reclamation and re-naturalization processes for brownfield sites, etc.);
- **access to knowledge, involvement in decision making, shared spaces and networks for participation** (open data, public wi-fi in cities, thematic forums, urban centres, co-housing, co-working, urban farming, etc.);
- **the rationalization and strengthening of citizen services** (real-time traffic information, environmentally sustainable mobility, access to public transport, waste management, etc.);
- **the access to new forms of urban competition** (attracting innovative companies, business incubators and start-ups, urban taxation and reward legislation, adherence of the national urban-planning agenda to European policies and Horizon 2020, strategies to support smart cities, etc.);
- **processing paths to develop a shared vision of the future of the city** (methods and tools for the definition of alternative development scenarios, application of impact simulations and assessments, enhancing the involvement of local communities, etc.).

Conference participation and selection

Participation in the conference is open to everyone. Those who would like to present a written contribution are invited to submit an abstract in Italian or English (300–400 words) **by May 30, 2017** sending an email to the address futuroaffidabile@urbit.it, clearly indicating the name of the author(s), institution(s), telephone and email reference, and referring to one or more of the arguments proposed in the call. Contributions will remain anonymous when submitted to the reviewing committee.

Following favourable acceptance by the review committee, authors will be informed **by June 14, 2017** and should submit a text of maximum length 20,000 characters—in Italian or English—by **September 7, 2017** to the following email address: futuroaffidabile@urbit.it.

Contributions are subject to anonymous evaluation by a committee composed of members of the scientific committees of the conference and the two journals. To allow a fair, impartial evaluation of the texts, the paper should omit any explicit reference to the author and institution. The paper layout will be available on the Urbanpromo, INU, and *Planum* websites. It is necessary to observe the common layout for acceptance of the contribution at the conference.

Authors will receive the results of the peer review by **October 9, 2017**. If positive, the paper will be published in a monograph edited by Planum Publisher in collaboration with INU and Urbit.

The final version of the paper must be submitted by **October 31, 2017** to the same email address: futuroaffidabile@urbit.it. The definitive text must follow *Planum's* editorial guidelines.

Authors should send a receipt of payment for the €300 registration fee (€250 for INU members) before October 31, 2017. Registration is reduced to €250 (€200 for INU members) if paid before **September 15, 2017**. Registration includes participation at the conference and all events at the 14th edition of Urbanpromo, to be held at La Triennale di Milano from 21–24 November 2017.

No fewer **than 10** papers will be selected for **presentation** by the authors at the **International Conference**. Through the same anonymous evaluation process, **a larger number of contributions will** be selected for publication in a **special issue of Urbanistica**. Authors should prepare the final version of their papers in line with the review committee's and the journal's editorial guidelines.

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