



# PhD in URBAN PLANNING, DESIGN, AND POLICY - 34th cycle

**Research Field: RETHINKING THE GOVERNANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND LANDSCAPE  
RESOURCES IN ITALIAN INNER AREAS: NEW COOPERATIVE PARADIGMS BEYOND  
ADMINISTRATIVE FRAGMENTATION**

<b>Monthly net income of PhDscholarship (max 36 months)</b>
<b>€ 1160.0</b>
In case of a change of the welfare rates during the three-year period, the amount could be modified.

<b>Context of the research activity</b>	
<b>Motivation and objectives of the research in this field</b>	<p>The research aims at studying actions and policies targeting the so-called "inner areas" in Italy with reference to the limits, constraints and implications of administrative fragmentation in dealing with the management of natural resources.</p> <p>The first focus in this respect concerns the peculiarity of environmental and landscape resources. While these assets have no predefined or fixed boundaries in nature, they are usually managed according to administrative boundaries (Regional, Provincial and Municipal), based on both an institutional arrangement and a spatial planning system that date back to the past centuries and adopt a Euclidean rationality. The result is a pervasive problem of horizontal and vertical cooperation between governance levels and policy actors, particularly problematic since it reduces the possibility to deal with environmental and landscape resources, which are not divisible due to their own features. Moreover, this fragmentation reduces the idea of resource to the concept of commodity.</p> <p>In this framework, the PhD candidate is invited to investigate alternative ways to manage environmental resources by administrative actors at different levels in Italy and abroad, comparing different strategies and dealing with innovations in urban planning and policies. The second focus is on the peculiarity of "inner areas", regarded as challenging territorial laboratories, where it is</p>



	<p>possible to conceive new governance frameworks, based on cooperative approaches. On the one hand, the PhD candidate will be in charge of analysing the specific effects of administrative fragmentation on these marginalized territories. On the other hand, he/she will be invited to study new form of governance of natural (and social) resources to reactivate an essential part of the territorial capital still present in the "inner areas". Please note that the definition of "inner areas" refers to the Italian policy context as described in the report A strategy for inner areas in Italy: definition, objectives, tools and governance. (<a href="http://www.agenziacoesione.gov.it/opencms/export/sites/dps/it/documentazione/servizi/materiali_uval/Documenti/MUVAL_31_Aree_interne_ENG.pdf">www.agenziacoesione.gov.it/opencms/export/sites/dps/it/documentazione/servizi/materiali_uval/Documenti/MUVAL_31_Aree_interne_ENG.pdf</a>)</p>
<p><b>Methods and techniques that will be developed and used to carry out the research</b></p>	<p>The research methodology to be developed by the PhD candidate will combine methods and techniques such as literature review, case studies, comparative analysis, together with activities and tools more related to fieldwork (e.g. on-site experiences, video interviews, participation at forums and conferences). The empirical part of the research may concern a selected specific territorial area of investigation.</p>
<p><b>Educational objectives</b></p>	<p>The program aims at providing analytical and interpretative tools, as well as research/planning/design methodologies, able to produce further advancement in urban studies, spatial and land use planning, urban design, urban policies and governance. <a href="http://www.dastu.polimi.it/index.php?id=1146">http://www.dastu.polimi.it/index.php?id=1146</a></p>
<p><b>Job opportunities</b></p>	<p>According to its international orientation, the UPDP course intends to train highly qualified researchers and professionals in spatial planning, design and management of urban projects and policy, urban studies and urban governance. PhDs with such profile could be employed by Italian and International academic institutions, public bodies and</p>



	research centres, public and private development agencies. In the particular case of the topic offered under this call, PhDs with such a degree could be also employed by national and international organisations in research, consultancy and design on smart cities and sharing society challenges.
<b>Composition of the research group</b>	12 Full Professors 11 Associated Professors 1 Assistant Professors 18 PhD Students
<b>Name of the research directors</b>	Paola Pucci, Paolo Pileri

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<b>Additional support - Financial aid per PhD student per year (gross amount)</b>	
<b>Housing - Foreign Students</b>	--
<b>Housing - Out-of-town residents</b>	--



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**Additional information: educational activity, teaching assistantship, computer availability, desk availability, any other information**

**List of 5 Universities, Companies, Agencies and/or National or International Institutions that are cooperating in the research:**

- 1.Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2.HafenCity Universitaet Hamburg
- 3.Bartlett School of Planning, UCL
- 4.Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Esc. Tecn. Sup. d'Arquitectura
- 5.Sciences Po, Paris

**Educational activities (purchase of study books and material, funding for participation in courses, summer schools, workshops and conferences):financial aid per PhD student per year ("DOTE"):**

1st year: max 0 euros

2nd year: max 1.534,33 euros

3rd year: max 1.534,33 euros

**Housing support for Out-of-town residents (more than 80Km far from Milan):**

**1 place available** in a Polimi student residence at a reduced rate

**Computer availability:**

In the PhD candidates room are available workstations for shared use, connected with the printer. All the PhD students can use their own laptop with the wireless connection.

Workstations and other equipment are available in the various laboratories linked with the doctoral programme.