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Local organising committee

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Lecturers

Battaino Claudia, DICAM UniTN; Boneddu Davide, Order of Geologists of Sardegna; Cannao Cristian, DADU Uniss; Caria Maria Carmela, Uniss; Civil protection Regional Department TBC; Covarino Silvia, GAU German American University; Dellacà Laura, Meraki; Guarino Monia, Principi Attivi; Hafez, Minora GAU German American University; Huyakorn Pongpisit, Chulalongkorn University; Morrica Mario, CdE DTC Lazio; Nadotti Cristina, Journalist; Onni Giuseppe, DADU Uniss; Patrizio Gunning Lucia, Hon. Sr. Researcher – UCL; Pede Elena, DIST POLITO; Pulina Silvia, DADU Uniss; Rondoni Luca, Architect, Fertilia-Arenosu district council steering committee; Tidili Matteo, Meteorologist; Trivelloni Ilaria, DADU Uniss; Wildfire management fire Regional Department TBC

Tutor

Silvia Porcu, Diver s City Urblab, DADU, Uniss

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Recommendation for students

The program encourages critical reflection on the fundamentals of design—asking what, where, why, when, for whom, and how—to foster purposeful and responsible decision-making. Students will work in small teams to develop proposals focused on spatial revitalization or regional planning.

Attendance at all lectures and workshops is mandatory.

Application forms shall be sent to diver-s-city@uniss.it
Registration submission deadline expires on August 20, 2025

Aims

The construction of international summer school aims at increasing risk awareness of stakeholders, young students, and practitioners across disciplines. Over twenty years, we have developed innovative pedagogies based on a result of our research and practices in the field of disaster mitigation in rural and urban settings to capture the vibe of new generation learning and the social changes. In an international environment, the participants will have a chance to confront and apply different disciplines and approaches to a real case study. The results of the school will enhance the capability of experts, practitioners, and the stakeholders, handling the fragile territory.

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Awareness and Responsibility of Environmental Risk
15th International Summer School

Montiferru region, Sardinia, Italy

30th August - 6th September 2025



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Since its inception in 2008, the summer school has provided a platform for critical engagement with design and environmental risk factors, along with strategies for their management. Through hands-on work on a real-world case study, students are guided and supported by an international, multidisciplinary team of experts and tutors.

The school brings together undergraduate and graduate students from diverse fields - urban design, architecture, planning, engineering, education and learning sciences, geography, geology, sociology, environmental studies, business, and political science - to share their knowledge and ideas on spatial and regional planning.

The school is grounded in the belief that **awareness must go hand in hand with knowledge**. To analyze, elaborate, reason, decide, and act, knowledge serves as a fundamental scientific prerequisite. Deliberately asking "what, where, why, when, for whom, and how" we design lies at the heart of every meaningful design process.

Case study // Topic

Montiferru, a historical region nestled in central-western Sardinia, Italy, is known for its rugged terrain, rich cultural traditions, and resilient communities spread across six municipalities—Santu Lussurgiu, Bonarcado, Seneghe, Cuglieri, Scano Montiferro, and Sennariolo. Yet beneath this picturesque setting lies a complex web of socio-economic and environmental challenges, driven by a steady trend of rural depopulation.

As local populations decline and age, essential services—such as schools, healthcare, and cultural institutions—have been consolidated or shuttered, weakening the region's social infrastructure. The retreat from agriculture, artisanal work, and local commerce has frayed the economic fabric that once sustained village life. With the erosion of traditional livelihoods comes the parallel loss of intangible heritage and intergenerational knowledge. The environmental consequences are equally pressing. The abandonment of agropastoral systems has led to degraded landscapes, overgrown scrubland, and increasing accumulation of dry vegetation - factors that significantly elevate wildfire risk and hydrogeological vulnerability.

Today, Montiferru stands at a crossroads. Can this region reclaim its vitality through integrated spatial and regional planning?

What models of development can address the intertwined issues of risk, heritage, and sustainability?

And how might new forms of civic participation, cultural innovation, and ecological stewardship offer pathways to regeneration?

This summer school invites participants to explore these questions and propose bold, context-sensitive revitalization strategies for the future of Montiferru.

1st day – Saturday, August 30th

16:00 Opening welcome Diego Loi, Mayor of Santu Lussurgiu / Chiara Panigatta, ASSURB Italian Association of Urban planners
16:30 Introduction of the school: Paola Rizzi, ISSARER Director & Dr. Giuseppe Onni ISSARER Local Organizing Committee
17:00 Lecture 1: Simone Utzeri, Diver s City UniSS DADU
18:00 *Ice breaking activities*
19:00 *Welcome Dinner*

2nd day – Sunday, August 31th

09:00 *Online session*
09:00 Lecture 2: Elena Pede, DIST POLITO
09:40 Lecture 3: Silvia Covarino, GUC German University in Cairo
10:20 Lecture 4: Minora Hafez, GUC German University in Cairo
11:00 *Coffee Break*
11:20 Lecture 5: Ilaria Trivelloni, UniSS DADU
12:00 Lecture 6: Lucia Patrizio Gunning, Hon. Sr. Researcher - UCL
12:40 *Lunch break*
15:00 Atelier 1: *Walkscape / Site visit*

3rd day – Monday, September 1st

09:00 Lecture 7: Silvia Pulina, UniSS DADU
09:45 Lecture 8: Maria Carmela Caria, UniSS
10:30 Lecture 9: Cristian Cannao, UniSS DADU
11:15 *Coffee Break*
11:30 Lecture 10: Cristina Nadotti, Journalist
12:15 Lecture 11: Matteo Tidili, Meteorologist / *online*
13:00 *Lunch break*
14:00 Atelier 2: *Problematization and Design Approach*
16:00 Atelier 3: *Jucunda, Urban gaming simulation session on impact of tourism*
17:30 *Break / Venue arrangement*
18:00 Cristina Nadotti "Il turismo che non paga" book presentation

4th day - Tuesday, September 2nd

09:00 Atelier 4: *Strategic Planning*
12:30 *Lunch break*
14:00 Lecture 12: Claudia Battaino, DICAM UniTN/*online*
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17:00 Atelier 5: *Walking to San Leonardo de Siete Fuentes*

5th day – Wednesday, September 3rd

09:00 Lecture 13: Wildfire management fire Regional Department TBC
09:45 Lecture 14: Civil protection Regional Department TBC
10:30 *Coffee Break*
10:45 Lecture 15: Davide Boneddu, Order of Geologists of Sardegna

11:30 Lecture 16: Luca Rondoni, Architect- Fertilia-Arenosu district council steering committee

12:15 Lecture 17: Monia Guarino, Principi Attivi
13:00 *Lunch Break*

15:00 Atelier 6: *Visualization, presentation, and academic communication techniques in Planning*

6th day – Thursday, September 4th

09:00 Lecture 18: Pongpisit Huyakorn, Chulalongkorn University
09:45 Lecture 19: Masahiro Shirotuki, NUFS
10:30 *Coffee Break*
10:45 Lecture 20: Satoshi Otsuki, FRC Kochi University
11:30 Lecture 21: Mario Morrica, CdE DTC Lazio, UNIURB
12:15 Lecture 22: Laura Dellacà, Meraki, & Silvia Porcu, Deborah Sotgiu, Diver s City UniSS DADU
13:00 *Lunch Break*
15:00 Atelier 7: *Focusing on the approach and its Rationale*
18:00 Urban lab with children of Santu Lussurgiu TBC

7th day – Friday, September 5th

09:00 Atelier 8: *Intermediate presentation and feedback*
13:00 *Lunch break*
15:00 Atelier 9: *Implementation of the review and preparation for the final presentation*

8th day – Saturday, September 6th

09:00 Atelier 10: *Preparation for the final presentation*
12:00 *Lunch break*
14:00 Final presentation and critics (Jury: school board, scientific committee, community and administration representative)
Each team has 30 min + 15 min Q&A

18:00 *Closing remark*
Emilio Turco, Director of DADU, UniSS
Markus Hedorfer, President of ECTP CEU
Diego Loi, Mayor of Santu Lussurgiu

18:45 *Closing ceremony. Certificates*

Afternoon ASP_Atelier of Spatial Planning

The laboratory activities are organised as 9 units of ASP_Atelier of Spatial Planning Dr. Sarunwit Promsaka Na Sakkonakron is the coordinator. Participants will work under the supervision of the school board and the tutores. All the material will be distributed in advance in form of report / dossier or files for the maps and GIS, responsible is Simone Utzeri with the support of Cristian Cadeddu.