

Silvia Urbano

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Public spaces designer, landscape architect, permaculture designer, urban planner and passionate hiker. I develop projects responding to the characteristics of the existing soil and with sustainable rainwater management. I believe in collective processes of community building for the sustainable transformation of spaces and in the territorial relevance of each small systemic interventions.

As a consultant for Studio Paola Viganò, I contributed to the development of the *La Courrouze* in Rennes, a project recognized by the French government as an *EcoQuartier* for its high ecological standards. Our work was exhibited at Shenzhen Biennale of Urbanism/Architecture (2020) and the Venice Architecture Biennale (2021).

In collaboration with the Club Alpino Siciliano, I organize educational forest walks for children, aiming to transmit shared ecological knowledge and traditional practices.

May–June 2025 Permaculture Design Course accredited by the Italian Academy of Permaculture hosted by Centro Kenko (Palermo) Alive Permacultura (Altofonte) and Centro Thar dö Ling (Montelepre).

May 2023 Training course “Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Drainage Systems for Climate Change Mitigation,” organized by the Portofino Regional Natural Park

Since 2012 Collaborator at StudioPaolaViganò an architecture, urban planning, and landscape design firm based in Milan and Brussels

Key projects:

- **La Courrouze in Rennes (France)** - Urban redevelopment of a former military site with a rich built and natural heritage. Biodiversity conservation is one of the project's core principles, along with the goal of creating a mix of functions, urban forms, and social diversity. The strategic decision to concentrate construction along existing built perimeters—freeing up as much surface area as possible for public landscape spaces—enabled an experimental approach to stormwater management and to balancing excavation and earthworks. The landscape becomes the primary infrastructure of the urban design, while traditional infrastructures are integrated as landscape elements.  
For more information visit the website <https://www.lacourrouze.fr/> or <https://leshallesencommun.fr/>  
Main duties: Masterplanning of the intervention; design of public spaces in collaboration with a team of engineers, landscape architects, and botanists; preparation of prescriptive dossiers for building architecture; coordination of workshops with architects, developers, and contractors to ensure coherence between buildings architecture and public space design; project presentations to public officials and politicians.
- **Ex Chimica Arenella in Palermo** - first phase of the competition.
- **Progetto Flaminio in Rome** - A permeable urban structure regains the porosity once denied by large enclosures, anchored in the definition of public space and ground design.  
The project aims to make explicit a reflection on space and to clarify its flexibility, with full awareness of the complexity of urban transformation in contemporary Rome.
- **Lecco Waterfront** - Final design stage of the waterfront redevelopment project

May 2019 Organizer of collective exploratory walks - Parco della Favorita, Palermo  
Commissioned by the Municipality of Palermo

2011 Master's Degree in Architecture

Graduated with highest honors (110/110 cum laude) - University of Palermo, Italy

Academic Year 2008/2009 Erasmus

Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid (ETSAM)

## Teaching Activities

May 2011 – Urbanizzare il sacco / Urbanisierung der Plünderung

Tutor – International Architecture Workshop

University of Palermo / hochschule anhalt Dessau

Academic Year 2010/2011 – Assistant, Architectural Design Laboratory 3

Prof. Roberto Collovà, University of Palermo

September 2010 – Tutor, Topografia del trauma 2.0

Territorial Investigation Workshop (Rampinzeri Castle – Santa Ninfa)

Abadir Academy of Fine Arts, Catania