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Thursday, 17 September

08.45-09.15 REGISTRATION
Building 16, Aula D2

09.20-09.35 WELCOME

Antonino Bianco, Head (Director) of Dipartimento di Scienze Psicologiche, Pedagogiche, dell'Esercizio Fisico e della Formazione (SPPEFF), Università di Palermo

09.35-09.55 OPENING

Giulia de Spuches, Università di Palermo
Gaetano Sabato, Università di Palermo

10.00-13.00 SESSION I

Chair: Gaetano Sabato, Università di Palermo

10.00-10.35 Pere Fuertes Perez, ETSAV (Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura del Vallès), Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, *Re-inhabiting as an Architectural Practice of Care*

10.35-10.50 Ioana Cosma, University of Pitești, Bucharest, *The Space that Remains. Heterotopia in Never Let Me Go*

10.50-11.05 Enrico Nicosia, Giuseppe Rombo, and Mattia Spanò, Università di Messina,
From Scylla and Charybdis to Horcynus Orca Park: literary geographies of the Strait of Messina between perception, consciousness and interactions with places

11.05-11.35 DISCUSSING

11.35-11.50 COFFEE BREAK

11.50-12.05 Giuseppe Terranova, Università di Messina, *The Geopolitics of 'Ourness' in the Mediterranean: Between Borders, Mobilities and Belonging*

12.05-12.20 Marco Coico, Independent Researcher, **and Francesco De Pascale**, eCampus University,
The Cave We Cannot Enter: Risk, Spatial Awareness and the 'Ourness' of the Addaura Caves, Palermo (Italy)

12.20-12.40 DISCUSSING

LUNCH BREAK

15.00-17.00 SESSION II

Chair: Pere Fuertes Perez, ETSAV, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona

15.05-15.40 Maarja Kaaristo, Tallinn University and Manchester Metropolitan University, *A Route or Destination? Liminality, Otherness and Urban Canals*

15.40-15.55 Dorota Kamińska-Jones, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, *India as a Transformational Space for British Women in the Art of the Colonial Period*

15.55-16.10 Pawel Siek, Medical University of Lublin, *Religions and the Person. From the Individual to the Space of Community in a Religious Context*
16.10-16.25 Rossana Salerno, Università di Palermo, *From Sacred Space to “Our” Space: Sacralising and Desacralising Territory*
16.30-17.00 DISCUSSING

Friday, 18 September

09.30-13.00 SESSION III

Chair: Giovanni Messina, Università di Messina

09.35-10.05 Mary Gearey, University of Brighton, *Liminal Frontiers: Otherness, Identity and Place Within Wetland Environments*

10.05-10.20 Anna Maria Pioletti, Università della Valle d'Aosta, *Neighbourhood voices along the railway: the perception in the northern Turin of insiders*

10.20-10.35 Federico de Andreis, Università “G. Fortunato”, Benevento, **and Giulia Vincenti**, Università di Messina, *Places within Non-Places: Time–Space Compression, Airport Urbanisation and Temporary Place-Making*

10.35-11.05 DISCUSSING

11.05-11.20 COFFEE BREAK

11.20-11.35 José Luis Ledesma, Independent Photojournalist, *The Construction of Space Between Marginality, Inclusion, and Exclusion: An Analysis Through the Lens of Henri Lefebvre and Photojournalism*

11.35-11.50 Giorgio Scalici, Università di Palermo, *We Are Just Asking for a Room’’: Death, Religious Diversity, and the Unequal ‘Ourness’ of Death Spaces in Italy*

11.50-12.10 DISCUSSING

LUNCH BREAK

14.45-18.00 SESSION IV

Chair: Maarja Kaaristo, Tallinn University and Manchester Metropolitan University

14.50-15.25 Charles Travis, University of Texas, *Provisional Title*

15.25-15.40 Aline Verneau, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, *Otherness in Our Places: Space Through International Indigenous Literature (Europe, Americas, Oceania – XXIth century)*

15.40-15.55 Giovanni Messina, Università di Messina, *Walking through Messina and its fragments of landscape*

15.55-16.20 DISCUSSING

16.20-16.35 COFFEE BREAK

16.35-16.50 Houssine Laamatchi, Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra, *Socio-Spatial Practices and the Production of Space: Case of Rabat’s Gardens*

16.55-17.10 Maria Rosaria Di Giacinto, Università di Palermo, *Palermo’s Accelerations: Global Tourism, ‘Non-Places’, and Renegotiation in the Historic Centre*

17.10-17.25 Gaetano Sabato, Università di Palermo, *Spaces and ‘Ourness’: What Awareness?*

17.25-17.45 DISCUSSING

17.45-17.55 CLOSING REMARKS

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