

Starting from the academic year 2018-2019, University of Florence offers a new Master's Programme with the title "Geography, Spatial Management, Heritage for International Cooperation". The course forms highly qualified experts in the analysis, design and management of territorial development processes able to operate within the international and Italian labour market and in the field of international cooperation. The course will be taught in English.

### **WHOM IS THE COURSE DESIGNED TO?**

The course is designed for postgraduate students interested in developing advanced theoretical and methodological competences in a number of topics related to Geography, Spatial Management, Heritage and International Cooperation e.g.: valorization of cultural heritage and sustainable tourism, integrated planning and design of urban and territorial development, GIS, remote sensing and Big Data.



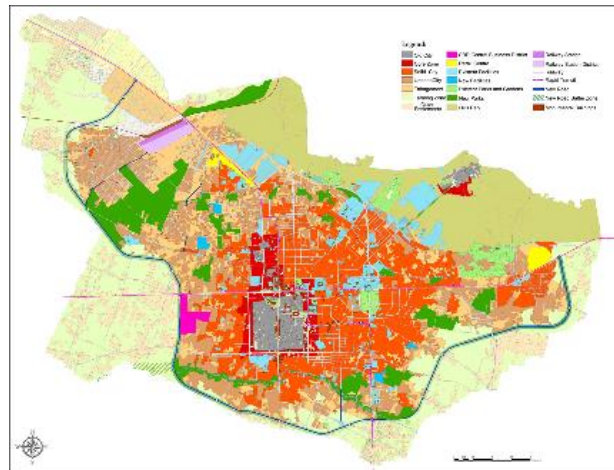
*The course location: Florence UNESCO historic centre.*

### **FOR INFO AND COURSE REGISTRATION**

Course website:  
<http://www.spatialmanagement.unifi.it>  
 Phone: +39 055 2757 991/933  
 Address: Via S. Gallo, 10, 50129 Florence  
 Instructions for participation requirements and registration are provided at the course website.

### **CARRIER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Public and private research centers in the field of urban and territorial development studies
- Public institutions for the governance and management of territorial development, heritage and environmental resources in Italy and abroad.
- International agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) specialized in the field of international cooperation and sustainable development.
- Institutes and consulting companies specialized in processing and analysis of geographical information and cartography.
- Multimedia geographic publishing and dissemination of environmental and touristic information.



*Project: Strategic Masterplan of Herat, Afghanistan, 2013*

### **LOCATION**

Courses will take place in Florence, since 1982 UNESCO World Heritage Site, at the Department of History, Archaeology, Geography and Fine Arts ([www.sagas.unifi.it](http://www.sagas.unifi.it)), rated among the excellent university departments in Italy. The University of Florence offers a wide range of services and facilities for international students.



*Project: Strategic Masterplan of Bamiyan, , Afghanistan, 2018*

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

The course offers multiple opportunities for contact with international development cooperation projects in a number of cultural and geographical contexts such as Afghanistan, Myanmar, Armenia, Ethiopia, and opportunities for practical experiences in collaboration with organizations, local authorities and associations in Tuscany and in Italy.

The international perspective of the course is enriched by the integration in the educational offer of courses held by visiting professors of international fame.

The course offers annual scholarships for foreign students and for students coming from outside the Tuscany region. The course is also included in the Higher Education Platform supported by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS). The course provides annual economic awards for students selected on their merits. Finally, the most successful students will have the opportunity to take part in the special Interdisciplinary Higher Education Program provided by the SAGAS Department's Program of Excellence.

## THE TEACHERS

**Mirella Loda** is the programme coordinator. She is Director of the Laboratory of Social Geography ([www.lages.eu](http://www.lages.eu)) and in charge of highly recognized international cooperation projects in the field of territorial analysis and planning.

**Margherita Azzari** is Director of the Laboratory of Applied Geography ([www.geografia-applicata.it](http://www.geografia-applicata.it)). She is specialized in the use of GIS applied to the analysis of the environment and of the historical-cultural heritage.

**Stefania Bertazzon** is specialized in spatial analysis through quantitative methodologies, with particular attention on the interrelations among environment, health and quality of life.

**Matteo Puttilli** is specialized on socio-spatial justice, territorial sustainability and geographic education.

**Giulio Giovannoni** coordinates the international research network Cross-Disciplinary Urban Space ([www.crossdisciplinaryurbanspace.com](http://www.crossdisciplinaryurbanspace.com)) and is specialized in city planning and urban design with a strong focus on suburban development and planning.

## THE TUTORS

**Sara Bonati** is specialized in studies on climate change adaptation, risk and disaster governance, vulnerable landscapes, rural and urban studies with particular attention to social and environmental conflicts, and urban sustainability.

**Stefano Bartolini** is a GIS professional specialized in the elaboration, analysis and representation of geographical information with a particular focus on environmental issues, cultural heritage and urban development. He participated to several projects of international cooperation in Afghanistan and in Myanmar.

## TEACHING PROGRAMME

On the **first year** the students attend the following mandatory courses:

- Political Urban Geography
- Environment and Development
- Cultural Anthropology
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Topography and Cartography

On the **second year** the students have at their disposal a wide range of courses that they can choose from according to their personal interests. The educational offer is provided in close relationship with two Laboratories of Excellence: the Social Geography Laboratory - LaGeS ([www.lages.eu](http://www.lages.eu)) and the Applied Geography Laboratory - LabGeo ([www.geografia-applicata.it](http://www.geografia-applicata.it)). Furthermore, the teaching staff will guide the students into internships and traineeships in public and private institutions in the fields of spatial analysis, territorial planning and international cooperation.



*Project: outdoor cafes and public space in Florence, 2017*



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