



136036 Urban Lab in Venice and Trento: The City as a Research Site and a Research Tool

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Data	Time	Topic	Room
09/05/24	10.00-17.00	Introductory seminar in Trento including walking tour of the historic centre (with participation by Venice Ca' Foscari students)	Room 14
23/05/24	All day	Daytrip to Venice to do fieldwork together with Venice students, concluding with a seminar at Ca' Foscari	====
30/05/24	13.00-17.00	Concluding seminar (Trento students only)	Room 'G. Poggi'

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE

Combining approaches from sociology, urban planning and history, this interdisciplinary seminar introduces students to a range of urban research methods and provides them with the opportunity to explore the historic centres of Venice and Trento in novel and unconventional ways. With a specific focus on *urban itineraries*, the seminar examines ways in which digital technologies mediate both the tourist experience and the everyday navigation of cities and how such technologies may enhance or inhibit our imaginaries and knowledge about cities, their history and contemporary predicaments. The first day of the seminar (held in person in Trento, with participation from Venice Ca' Foscari students) will provide students with an overview of urban research methods and relevant topics and include a walking tour of the historic centre of Trento. The second day will take place in Venice and will involve data collection in the field using observation, walking itineraries and digital tools as well as a session in the classroom at the Ca' Foscari campus in Santa Marta, to compare and discuss data and experiences. In the final session (in Trento), students will present the results of their Venice fieldwork and discuss the broader themes emerging across the three days. The seminar will be of interest to graduate students interested in urban and cultural phenomena through its exploration of topics such as over-tourism and spatial justice and its engagement with a range of research methods and disciplinary perspectives, from the use of digital media and apps to geohistory and sensory ethnography.

TARGET STUDENT

The seminar will be held in English and is addressed to students enrolled in MA Courses at DSRS.

REGISTRATION

Registration is obligatory and must be done online at <http://www.sociologia.unitn.it/100/seminari-di-credito> by 28/04/2025 (minimum number of enrollment(s) for activation: 10 - maximum number: 14)

Please take note of the SANCTIONS PROVIDED for those who do not show up for the first and/or next meeting without having given proper notice. See <http://www.sociologia.unitn.it/100/seminari-di-credito>

EXCEEDING ACTIVITY

Students can earn 2 CFU credits by attending the seminar and preparing a group presentation for the final session. The minimum hours of attendance "in presence" cannot be less than 12.