

Feltrinelli Camp 2018 edition

A two-day international workshop for young European researchers in the field of Urban Studies

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, in collaboration with DASTU – Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (Politecnico di Milano) and the International Panel on Social Progress (Princeton/Paris) encourages junior researchers in the field of urban studies to attend the first international immersive workshop to be held in Milan (Italy), 16-17 February 2018.

Rationale

In 2016, an estimated 54.5 per cent of the world's population lived in urban settlements. By 2030, urban areas are projected to house 60 per cent of people globally and one in every three people will live in cities with at least half a million inhabitants.

For this reason cities today are being made and re-made at a faster pace and at a larger scale than ever before. Urban space has increasingly become the territory of negotiation and confrontation between public and private interests, between politicians, planners, architects, real estate agents; and between banks, financial institutions, speculators, developers and land owners. In this sense, the analysis of urban environments affects all dimensions of urban policy making, such as economic development, employment, politics, education, health, cultural activities, housing, transportation and the use of public space.

Anticipating future priorities and needs in the field of urban studies is crucial to understand the way in which people will live and experience the urban space. It is, therefore, key to design and implement better policies and practices, that are necessary to promote a sustainable, social and spatial inclusion in the city.

Background

The new Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, opened its new premises build by architects Herzog & de Meuron in the center of Milan in December 2016, was founded with the specific aim to become a platform of debate among different areas, domains and players, a network of contacts, inspirations and constructive listening. Since 1949, the Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli has been actively promoting a passionate investigation on issues at the core of the contemporary debate, combining research reflections with resources of its own heritage, in order to provide suggestions, images and words, and new tools for a possible future.

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli research focus is on the exploration of citizenship coordinates, particularly looking at dynamics related to:

- *City and citizenship*

Contents, topics, images and words of an unfinished project. The inclusive social and cultural practices and the urban context where these practices spring and consolidate, triggering the process of construction of the contemporary citizenship.

- *Globalization and sustainability*
About the idea of development, considered as cultural development, innovation of techniques, awareness of personal responsibility in collective actions, creation of a public and shared sensitivity about the idea of well-being in order to enhance the quality of life, for everybody.
- *Political innovation*
Topics related to new forms of representation and citizens' participation to public life, with specific reference to the crisis of political parties and the origin of new movements.
- *Future of work*
The new economies and future job positions in a period where the link between growth and employment is becoming weaker and weaker. Changes in the economic domain and in the productive and social systems that outline a new relationship between life quality and work.

Objectives

The overall objective of the workshop is to promote high quality scientific exchanges among junior researchers with different scientific/disciplinary backgrounds and from diverse geographical contexts, working on issues relating to cities and urban transformations. This immersive workshop will provide the opportunity to share experiences and initiate new scientific collaborations and partnerships.

The specific objective is to establish a long-term international network of young researchers collaborating on relevant topics of common interest under the auspices Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli. Relevant and interesting materials will be presented during '*About a City – Places, Ideas and Rights for 2030 citizens*', a public festival organized by Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli in Milan on May 24th-27th, 2018.

Workshop Structure

The workshop will last two full days.

Researchers will be divided in working groups on specific topics according to their proposals. They will have the opportunity to present their research and work interests, promoting mutual knowledge, enhancing scientific interchange and exploring perspectives for common research work. They will look at potential future partnerships, collaborations on training programs, organization of international conferences/workshops, exchange opportunities, publications, joint proposals for international projects.

A coordinator will lead each working group and a rapporteur will draft a summary featuring the main outputs of the discussion.

Three international keynote speakers will deliver three lectures.

Draft of the program

	DAY 1 Friday	DAY 2 Saturday
Morning	Official opening by Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli Opening Lecture by Keynote Speaker 1 - <i>Enrico Letta</i> Working groups	Working groups
Afternoon	Working groups	Public Lecture by Keynote Speaker 3 Working groups
Late afternoon	Public Lecture by Keynote Speaker 2	Final plenary session
Evening	Cinema	Concert

Presentations

Presentations should fit into the frame of 'the implications between urban transformations and citizenship' and look at the relation between the city in the past, present and future.

The junior researchers network is intended to focus on the urban impact and consequences of specific issues such as:

<i>Quality of life, environment, resources</i>	<i>Citizens, migrations, social geographies</i>	<i>Policy-making, territorial government, new technologies</i>
The right to the city and to natural resources	Urban citizenship	The metropolitan areas and mega city regions
Climate change, soil loss, biodiversity and sustainability	Democracy, belonging and civic space	Reconfiguration of physical and administrative urban borders
Urban and rural spaces	The emerging of inequalities and of spatial and social segregation/polarization	The rise of localism and the emerging of different kinds of innovation
Slow mobility and future opportunities	Diversity and impacts on international migration on collective and public space	Local policies and innovative practices to cope with the challenges posed by increasingly diverse urban societies
Sustainability, quality of life and health in urban spaces	The city and the process of cultural pluralisation	The future immaterial dimension related to urbanity, the space of flows, the use of data and the planetary boundaries
	The emerging of new immaterial and mental borders	
	Urban memories, urban emergency and collective traumatic events	

In a friendly, collaborative environment presenters will provide an overview of their research topic and approach. This aims to foster discussion about the context and implications of their work with colleagues in similar fields. Debate on emerging issues will feed ideas, feedback

and expertise-sharing for programming further collaboration, presenting international case studies and sharing best practices.

Proposal

Submitted proposals must include:

- Contact information: name, academic degree, position title, organization, address, telephone, email
- A short bio (max 500 words)
- Presentation title
- Short project description (up 2.000 words).

Priority in the selection will be given to those proposals that include:

- an original scientific elaboration of a specific thematic focus relevant to the above mentioned topics;
- a reasoned selection of one or more evidence-based case studies and/or best practice;
- a dissemination plan to be implemented with the aim of sharing the proposed contents.

A multidisciplinary profile will be considered as an additional asset.

Proposals must be submitted by e-mail no later than January 14th, 2018 to:

feltrinellcamp@gmail.com

Selection of proposals

An international scientific committee will be responsible for selecting up to 100 proposals. In order to promote the multidisciplinary character of the network, a limited numbers of researchers per topic will be accepted. Acceptance will be notified on January 19th, 2018

Working language

English

Eligibility

Young researchers, postdocs and PhD students (under 35 years old) can apply. All researchers must be affiliated to a scientific or cultural institution.

Financial support

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli will offer a reimbursement up to €250 to cover part/total travel costs as well as part /total accommodation costs in Milan.

Reward

The most relevant proposals will be selected for a Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli publication as an output of the workshop. Furthermore, the selected speakers will be invited to take part in the public discussion during '*About a City*', to be hosted at the Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli in Milan in May.

Venue

The workshop will be held in Milan, at the Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, viale Pasubio 5, Milano 20154.