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International Heritage School

TRANSNATIONAL LANDSCAPES, PLURAL HERITAGE(S) AND COMMUNITIES PAESAGGI TRANSNAZIONALI, PATRIMONI PLURALI E COMUNITÀ

December 2025

organised by

the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures and
the PhD *Landscape Studies for Global and Local Challenges* of the University of Bergamo
with the collaboration of the Heritage International Institute

Objective:

The International School is an interdisciplinary research experience promoted by the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures and by the PhD Program in Landscape Studies for Global and Local Challenges of the University of Bergamo. The aim is to integrate theories, methods, and tools of many disciplines – such as geography, linguistics, cultural and visual studies, law, psychology, etc. – to reflect on landscape as a complex and trans-scale concept strictly connected to different kinds of heritage(s). It is, therefore, articulated in three sessions focusing on transnational landscapes, plural heritage(s), and global and local challenges related to research patches and world imaginaries on dynamic communities.

Scientific Committee:

For the University of Bergamo: Federica Burini, Alessandra Ghisalberti, Flaminia Nicora

For the Heritage International Institute: Gianluigi Mastandrea Bonaviri, Sergio Iovino, Andrea Socrati

Organizing Committee:

Dauro Zocchi, Elisa Consolandi, Università degli Studi di Bergamo

Languages:

English, Italian

PROGRAMME

	Welcome and Introduction
	9:00 am <i>Welcome at Palazzo Terzi</i> , via Salvecchio, University of Bergamo
Monday 15 December	9:15 pm <i>Institutional greetings</i> , Room 7, via Salvecchio, University of Bergamo Flaminia Nicora, Vice-chancellor for internationalization University of Bergamo Raul Calzoni, Director of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Bergamo Sergio Iovino, CEO Heritage International Institute, Artistic director of Museo virtuale sul patrimonio culturale
	9.30 Introduction to the International Heritage School Alessandra Ghisalberti, Coordinator of Landscape Studies PhD programme
	Session 1 – Transnational Landscapes and Plural Heritage(s): concepts and perspectives Moderated by Elena Bougleux, Università degli Studi di Bergamo
	10:00am-1:00pm
	Heritage Studies in plural perspective. From value concepts to certified dissonance Rossana Bonadei, previous Università degli studi di Bergamo
	Debate animated by Giulio Mirabella Roberti, Università degli Studi di Bergamo
	2:00-5:00pm Evento di Public Engagement event by Landscapes: Spazi, segni, suoni Patrimonio culturale immateriale tra pratiche sociali e lotte per i diritti: italianità in Vallese
	Annalisa Izzo, Pepperdine University in Lausanne
	La prodigiosa trasformazione della classe operaia in stranieri, un film di Samir 77 Locarno Film Festival – Fuori concorso, Official selection
	Debate with participants
Tuesday 16 December	Session 2 - Cultural Heritage and Human Rights Moderated by Elisabetta Bani, Università degli Studi di Bergamo
	9:00-11:00 am <i>Patrimonio culturale: libertà di cultura, libertà dalla cultura</i> Paola Scevi , Università degli Studi di Bergamo
	Debate animated by Benedetta Calandra, Barbara Turchetta , Università degli Studi di Bergamo
	2:00-4:00pm Patrimonio culturale, diritti umani e nuove tecnologie: tutela integrate tra legge, ambiente e partecipazione Valentina Gastaldo, Heritage International Institute
	Tina Manhandar, Katmandu University (Nepal), Heritage International Institute
	Debate animated by Laura Guercio, Heritage International Institute Andrea Socrati, Heritage International Institute, Museo Statale Tattile Omero di Ancona
Wednesday 17 December	Session 3 – Transnational Landscapes and Moving Communities: critical approaches to representations

Moderated by Alessandro Ricci, Università degli Studi di Bergamo

9:00-10:30am Online session

Heritage(s) and Nation Building Process: Moving Communities and Identity in China Alessandra Cappelletti, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

Chinese Heritage Schools in Italy

Martina Caschera and Andrea Del Bono, PRIN Ecco Italy, Università degli studi di Bergamo

Debate with participants

11:00-13:00am

UniBg Christmas Event, Aula Magna of the Monastery of S. Agostino

2:30-4:30pm

Session 4 – Research patches on Transnational Landscapes and communities

Raminder Kaur, Università degli studi di Bergamo Dauro Zocchi, Università degli studi di Bergamo Elisa Consolandi, Università degli studi di Bergamo Judit Gil Farrero, Università degli studi di Bergamo

Debate with participants moderated by **Stefano Morosini**, Università degli Studi di Bergamo and **Vito Imbrenda**, National Research Council

Thursday 18 December

Session 5 – Guided visit to Astino Monastery and the Valley

10:00-12:00 am

organised by Riccardo Rao, Università degli studi di Bergamo

Session 6 – Accessible Heritage: Neurosciences and Psychology for Communities' participation

14:00 Astino Valley as an innovative territorial patch for landscape and heritage accessibility by Federica Burini, Università degli Studi di Bergamo

Institutional greetings

Fabio Bombardieri, Fondazione MIA

Vittorio Rodeschini, Arketipos

Oscar Locatelli, Parco regionale dei colli di Bergamo

Gabriele Rinaldi. Orto Botanico Lorenzo Rota

International partnership for cultural rights for people with disabilities (Italy, Cyprus, Iraq and Mexico)

Gianluigi Mastandrea Bonaviri, Heritage International Institute

Davide Scalmani, Dirigente nell'Area della promozione culturale del Ministero degli Affari Esteri MAECI

Debate animated by

Amar Ibrahim, El Alamein Foundation (Iraq), Heritage International Institute

Giuseppina Bonaviri, Psychiatrist Area Vasta Smart

Attà Negri, Università degli Studi di Bergamo

Mabel Giraldo, Università degli Studi di Bergamo

5:00pm *Closing remarks*

Alessandra Ghisalberti, Università degli Studi di Bergamo

10. Application requirements

- -The School is freely open to PhD students of the University of Bergamo
- Master's students of Unibg degree classes attending their second year in a.y. 2025/2026 can attend receiving 3 credits
- PhD students from other Universities and Students enrolled in other Master's programmes and graduates in other disciplines may also be admitted, subject to an assessment by the competent bodies of the International School.
- -English proficiency at B2 level is required.
- -Applications by candidates who studied abroad will be assessed by the Admission Board, in compliance with the regulations in force in Italy and in the country where candidates pursued their studies.

11. Selection process

A minimum of 15 and a maximum of 30 students can enrol in the School. Participants will be selected on the base of an assessment of their CV (maximum 2 pages) and letter of motivation.

12. Enrolment fee

For Master's students, PhD candidates and professionals from other Universities: 100 euros Unibg PhD candidates and Master's students have free entrance

13. Application for admission

Candidates should present their candidacy by filling this form by December 10th 2025.

14. List of admitted candidates

The list of the admitted candidates will be posted on the Heritage International Institute webpage linked to the University of Bergamo webpage.

15. Withdrawal

In the case students enrolled would withdraw from the School before December 12th 2025, the fees will be given back to students, after that date fees will not be given back.

17. Certificate of attendance

At the end of the International School, a certificate of attendance will be issued to all students who fulfilled their obligations, with an attribution of 3 credits ECTS recognized by the scientific committee of the School. To fulfill the evaluation, participants will be asked to present a written report to be sent one month after the end of the School (end of January 2026).

18. Further information and data protection

Pursuant to Legislative decree no. 196 of 2003 (Italian Personal Data Protection Act), as subsequently amended and supplemented, and to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data)