

The Contemporary Challenges of Cities in Transition

DiARC International Conference Department of Excellence 2023-27 and Advisory Board Meeting

Napoli, 11-13 March 2026 – DiARC, Aula Magna, Palazzo Gravina



Wednesday, March 11

9:00 - Opening and introductions

Marella Santangelo | Head of the Department of Architecture

Angela Zampella | Deputy Rector of the University of Naples Federico II

Maria Rita Pinto | VQR GEV (Italian Research Quality Evaluation Expert Groups) Coordinator

Michelangelo Russo | Abit Project Manager

9:45 - Abit project implementation #1

Daniela De Leo | DUT: Street 15. Accessibility as a spatial justice tool for the city in transition

Valeria Cera, Anna Sanseverino | HBIM and AI for the documentation and management of architectural heritage

Anna Attademo, Enza Tersigni, Sergio Pone, Francesca Ciampa | INest: Research for a new metabolism for the city in transition

11:30 - Advisory Board Lecture #1

Arjan van Timmeren | Professor of Environmental Technology & Design, Department of Urbanism (TU Delft)

Socio-ecological Urbanism: Designing Pathways for Regeneration

12:30 - Closing discussion

Light Lunch

14:30 - Greetings

Vincenzo Cuomo | Regional Councilor for Local Government and Heritage (Campania Region)

14:45 - Abit project implementation #2

Pasquale Miano, Marella Santangelo | CHANGES: designing heritage as a driver of development (NRRP)

Renata Picone | AI and Heritage: applied research on heritage

Alfonso Morone | DEMETRA: Nature based solutions for designing everyday life

Giuliano Poli | QuiVal: Quantum Inspired Valuation of Circular Real Estate

15:50 - Advisory Board Lecture #2

Roberto Morabito | President of CETMA - European Research Center for Technologies, Design, and Materials

Technologies and Approaches for the Circular Transition

16:50 - Closing discussion

17:00 - Advisory Board Meeting #1

With the participation of the DiARC Evaluation Committee and the tenure-track fixed-term researchers involved in the Department of Excellence project.

Thursday, March 12

9:00 - Opening and introductions

Daniela De Leo | Abit Project Coordinator

Sergio Russo Ermolli | T-Lab Director

Massimo Perriccioli | PhD Abit Coordinator

Fabio Mangone | PhD Architecture Coordinator

9:45 - 10:00 PhD Presentation

Maria Cerreta | The connections between doctoral research and departmental research

10:00 - 11:00 Presentation of doctoral research

PhD student session (Habit + Architecture programs)
Presentation of 4 doctoral dissertations

11:00 - Advisory Board Lecture #3

Diane E. Davis | Professor of Regional Planning and Urbanism, Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Contemporary Cities and the Challenges of Transition

12:00 - Discussion with Post-Doc Researchers

Gaetana Del Giudice, Martina Di Palma, Maria Fierro, Cassandra Funsten, Lorenzo Giordano, Eunice N. Jimmy, Giulia Marino, Fabiana Marotta, Cristiano Mauriello, Alberto Terminio, Ludovica La Rocca

12:30 - Closing discussion

Light Lunch

14:30 - T-Lab as a living laboratory and research platform: four thematic sections

Sergio Russo Ermolli, Gilda Berruti, Mara Capone, Sergio Pone, Paola Scala

16:00 - Advisory Board Meeting #2

Board meeting focused on the Excellence project

Friday, March 13 – Field trip

10:00 - 18:00 Transitional landscapes of Greater Naples

A tour of some iconic Neapolitan landscapes that are part of departmental research projects

20:00 - Social dinner