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The symposium will explore transition as a network of ecological, social, urban and technological dynamics. Transition can be defined through a multi-scalar approach across different levels. From a large scale perspective it focuses on territories, ecosystems, and infrastructures, addressing regional planning, infrastructural change, energy transitions, resource management, and climate-driven landscape transformations. At medium scale, transition examines cities, communities, and neighbourhoods, highlighting urban regeneration, informal urbanism, displacement, participatory processes, green infrastructure, and social resilience. Finally, the small scale considers buildings objects and everyday practices, including evolving architectural typologies, material and construction innovation, temporal layers in the built environment, and design supporting sustainable daily life.

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h: 09:00-18:00

Aula Benvenuto

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Maurizio Carta is Full Professor of Urbanism at the University of Palermo and a leading theorist of the “Creative City.” As Director of the Augmented City Lab and Smart Planning Lab, his research focuses on strategic planning and cultural regeneration. Since 2022, he has served as Palermo’s Deputy Mayor for Urban Regeneration and Sustainable Mobility, bridging academic innovation with public policy. Formerly a researcher at Columbia University and President of the Scuola Politecnica, Carta is internationally recognized for his “Creative City” manifesto, advocating for urban development driven by creativity, smart technology, and social innovation across diverse scales.

Sébastien Bonthoux, PhD in Ecology and Senior Lecturer, specializes in interdisciplinary research designed to transform society-nature relations within urban and peri-urban landscapes. His work explores how “urban rewilding”, granting greater autonomy to ecological processes, can foster biodiversity and cultivate equitable relationships between residents and their environment. Based at the CNRS workshop sites in Blois and Rennes, he collaborates closely with local authorities to implement sustainable action. Furthermore, Bonthoux teaches at the Blois School of Landscape Architecture, where he trains future professionals to address complex social and environmental issues through design.

Peter Veenstra is landscape architect and founding partner of LOLA (LOst Landscapes), an international practice based in Rotterdam and Shenzhen. LOLA is renowned for redefining the profession’s role in addressing climate change, urbanization, and biodiversity loss. Peter’s portfolio includes global projects like the Adidas HQ Campus and Hongqiao Park, where landscape serves as critical infrastructure for carbon-positive development and urban resilience. A 2024 Schelling Architecture Prize winner, he co-curated the 2022 International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam. Peter’s work masterfully balances complex ecological systems with poetic spatial narratives.

PROGRAM OF THE DAY

9:00-9:15

participants’ registration

9:15-9:30

Institutional greetings Prof. Adriano Magliocco, Head of Department, and Prof. Massimiliano Giberti, PhD School Coordinator

9:30-10:00

Introduction to the framing transition symposium

10:00-10:45

Keynote Peter Veenstra /
Micro Transitions: small landscape interventions for a grand future

10:45-11:15

coffee break

11:15-12:00

Keynote Sébastien Bonthoux /
An interdisciplinary approach to understand and improve people-biodiversity relationships in urban public spaces. Which effects and appropriations of urban wilding?

12:00-12:45

Keynote Maurizio Carta /
The City of the Fourth Space: Augmented Spaces in a Rhizomatic World

12:45-13:15

preliminary discussions and first conclusions

13:15-15:00

lunch break

15:00-16:30

World Café facilitated by the three Keynotes and participants

16:30-18:00

Photo exhibition and closing

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