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The United Nations' New Urban Agenda (NUA, 2016) aims at fostering sustainable and resilient urban development worldwide. It calls for innovative action in the field of territorial governance and spatial planning. In this light, UNI-NUA aims at developing a better understanding of the mechanisms and opportunities for universities' engagement in complex territorial governance processes and of the actual potentials for knowledge transfer and multidisciplinary joint action in territorial policies, and spatial planning practices.

Practices in which researchers are involved can empower different actors, either through capacity building processes or thanks to other interventions and initiatives that may also include direct consultancy for public or private sector. A crucial issue concerns demand-driven/oriented research dynamics and the degree of researchers' independency in times of R&D public spending cuts. Contributions are expected on applied research experiences (for instance, city labs, spin-off), legal frameworks, social responsibility which characterise the third mission of universities in the field.

Moreover, universities may strongly influence urban development dynamics through their action as collective urban players. Hence, the Seminar will reflect on the urban agenda of universities and on its links with the sustainability goals, with particular attention to the SDG11.

The NUA also calls for new training of professionals in the field of planning. In more general terms, some universities are adapting their courses and programs to take into the objectives of the Urban Agenda and the SDGs, and to create new learning environments. A session will focus on examples and practices from different universities in Europe, Asia and US.

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Politecnico and University of Torino Ph.D Program in Urban and Regional Development
AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning) Thematic Group on Transboundary spaces, policy diffusion, planning cultures
SIU Italian Society of Urban Planners
Italian Federation of Clubs and Centres for UNESCO

h. 9:00-9:30 **Welcome and forewords**

Patrizia Lombardi, Deputy Rector of Politecnico di Torino
Claudia Cassatella (PoliTO-DIST), Akito Murayama (The University of Tokyo), *NUA and the UNI_NUA project*

h. 9:30-11:30 **Universities in Action: Research and Practices**

Akito Murayama (The University of Tokyo), *Various Types of Research-Practice Interface in Urban Planning and Community Development*
Fumihiko Seta (Tokyo University), *The Role of Academics in National and Metropolitan Policy Making*

Giancarlo Cotella (PoliTO_DIST), *European Spatial Planning: the role of the ESPON Program*

10:30-11:00 coffee break

Claudia Cassatella, *Universities in action between social engagement and institutional frameworks*

Debate

11:30-12:30 **Globalizing Learning Environment**

Steffen Nijhuis (Delft University of Technology), *Diversity and internationalization in Urbanism. Experiences from Delft University of Technology*
Kelly Tzoumis (DePaul University, Chicago), *Perspectives from the Global Classroom*
Akiko Iida (The University of Tokyo), *Challenges for Urban Studio and Recurrent Education Programs in the Department of Urban Engineering, The University of Tokyo*

h. 12:30-14:00 lunch break (Sala Colonne)

h. 14:00-15:30 **The Urban Agenda of Universities**

Marco Santangelo (PoliTO-DIST), *Universities as urban actors*
Egidio Dansero (UniTO, Green Office), *Sustainable campus, the green policy of the University of Torino*
Patrizia Lombardi (PoliTO, Deputy Rector and Green Team Coordinator), *Role and activities of PoliTO for Sustainable urban development and Agenda2030*

h. 15:30-16:00 Break

h. 16:00-16:30 **Sustainable Urban Development Agendas of Italian cities**

Skype conference, in connection with Urban@it, on the occasion of the SDG11 Day Festival - Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS),
Marco Marocco (Vice-Mayor of the Metropolitan City of Torino)
Valentino Castellani (Urban@It Director), *Urban@It, a network of Universities for a national urban agenda*

Maria Paola Azzario (Italian Federation of Clubs and Centres for UNESCO), *The contribution of Italian Clubs for UNESCO for SDG 11*

16:30-17:00 Debate and Concluding remarks

