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Walking across territories in transition. The contribution of Laboratorio del Cammino to planning education

ABSTRACT

In the past three years, the Laboratorio del Cammino (LdC) has been gathering students and researchers to investigate the role of walking in challenging planning education. The teaching program of LdC has included two territorial walks across Italy (a third one will take place in Sardinia in summer 2019), a number of seminars, urban walks, exhibitions and training sessions, which have explored the methodological contribution of walking for investigating territorial phenomena and for shaping stronger ties among universities, civil society and local institutions. The project interprets the concept of territorial vulnerability as a way to describe the epochal transition that cities and territories are currently experiencing and frames it by investigating the set of interconnected spatial and social transformations encountered along the walk, such as environmental degradation, socio-spatial inequalities, demographic decline and shrinkage, and catastrophic events. These complex topics have been analysed by adopting an inter-disciplinary approach that has fostered the exchange among planning and other disciplinary fields such as ecology, sociology, literature and visual arts. The goal of the talk is to highlight the relevant contribution of LdC to innovate planning education and to explain how the project has been able to improve significantly the capacity of students to cope with cities and territories' ongoing challenges.



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Luca Lazzarini is post-doctoral research fellow in spatial planning at DIST/POLITO. His research focuses on the intersection among planning and sustainable food systems. He has completed his PhD in January 2019 after discussing the thesis "Urban/rural co-productions. Planning and governance approaches for improving the relationships among city and countryside in Italy and England". Since 2017 he has been coordinating with Serena Marchionni the Laboratorio del Cammino (LdC), an interuniversity research and teaching unit that explores the potentials of walking to challenge planning education. In 2017 he has been visiting researcher at the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI) of University of Gloucestershire, in England. Since 2016 he is also active member of the Young Academics and Professionals (YAP) Team of the Sustainable Food Planning group of AESOP.

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