

# un grounding

experimenting methodological entanglements from the global south

Seminar series hosted by the visiting professorship Tomà Berlanda / together with the chair of prof. Camillo Boano  
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**Aim:** To open the exploration of alternative theoretical scaffoldings capable of fostering new spatial practices, a sequence of 5 conversations curated by the visiting professorship of Tomà Berlanda will offer methodological discussion is created across latitudes and cases. Questions addressed are:

- ***Would you like to expand the theoretical grounds of your doctoral research?***

It is well established that all research requires a theoretical framework. At the same time, it's now clear how the conceptual ground western culture once imagined as irresolute has proven to be rather more mutable and unstable, and increasingly undermined.

- ***Do you want to exchange ideas and practices with a global south perspectives?***

By delving in a conceptual lexicon emanating from long term lived experiences in the global south, this seminar, constructed along a series of input delivered by the tutors, readings, collective discussions, is as a laboratory where participants can use their work and experiment alternative approaches and develop possible overlaps.

- ***What does it mean to work across disciplines and with different forms of knowledge?***

Using approaches such as: transversal methodologies; art practices; transdisciplinarity; participants will be invited to discuss and present work related to their own research topics to explore uncharted spaces and territories. In particular, the notion of archive, and stratigraphic inquiry will be used to work across disciplines and with different forms of knowledge.

**Format & Schedule:** Every session will last three hours, and will be constructed on the basis of the participants' proposals. An initial discussion and presentation will assist in framing the methodology. **Currently the plan is to run the session in presence in line with Covid protocols. The schedule and venue will be confirmed at a later date.**

1. Intro week  
Monday January 31 (cb+tb) seminar #1  
Tuesday February 1 (tb) seminar #2
2. Build up week  
Monday February 21 (cb+tb) seminar #3  
Tuesday February 22 (tb) seminar #4
3. Finissage week  
Monday March 14 (cb+tb) seminar #5  
Tuesday March 15 (cb+tb) closing event

**Applicants:** We particularly encourage applications from first and second-year PhD students, but the course is open to everyone. Participants are invited to demonstrate how their doctoral (research) projects show significant interest in, or are already committed to, address issues of one or more of the following concepts and approaches: epistemic justice, co-production and/or urban equality in relation to cities of the global South. For organizational purposes, interested participants are invited to submit an email with an application statement by Friday, January 21 to [toma.berlanda@polito.it](mailto:toma.berlanda@polito.it)



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