

call for applications

1ST SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG URBAN SCHOLARS

Genoa, 4-6 September 2023

Who we are

The Research Network 37 in Urban Sociology (RN37) was formally established within ESA (European Sociological Association) in 2014 to promote the debate on the organization, changes, problems, and opportunities faced by European (and global) urban areas.

Five Midterm Conferences have been organized by RN37 so far: Lisbon 2014, Krakow 2016, Madrid 2018, Bologna 2021, and Berlin 2022. The Research Network has also proposed panels and/or organized them with other RNs at the ESA biennial conferences in Prague 2015, Athens 2017, Manchester 2019, and Barcelona 2021.

RN37 has 140 members, among which are sociologists as well as urban planners, architects, political scientists, economists, and software engineers.

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What we are organizing

The RN37 - Urban Sociology of ESA is organizing its first Summer School for Young Urban Scholars, an event entirely dedicated to PhD students and young non-tenured researchers.

This event will be held in Genoa (Italy) on September 4-6, 2023.

Why we are organizing it

This event is the result of the continuation of a path that started with the Young Scholars Pre-Conference Day in Berlin last October 4, before RN37 V Midterm Conference. It also draws on feedback that emerged during the RN37 Business Meeting in Berlin with the RN37 members and the young scholars who joined to the conference.

This event is planned to strengthen specific urban research skills, foster soft skills and interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary expertise. PhD students and young non-structured scholars will also be able to discuss and receive feedback on their work from senior researchers with high reputation in urban studies.

Eligibility

People who are interested in joining the Summer School are requested to:

- Submit a motivation letter (max 2 pages) and a CV (max 5 pages)
- In case they are accepted, applicants will be requested to submit a full draft of a paper/proposal/chapter to receive a feedback during the summer school.

Deadlines

- March 31, 2023: submission of motivation letter and CV to rn37.esa@gmail.com.
- April 15, 2023: communication of the selection result to the applicants
- April 17, 2023 - May 17, 2023: opening and closing of registrations.
- June 15, 2023: end of possibility to ask for refund in case of non-participation.
- July 15, 2023: submission of papers/proposal/chapters.

Registration fees

- 75€ for ESA members
- 100€ for non-ESA members
- Registration fees include: coffee breaks, lunches, the social dinner of September 5, and the urban walk
- Registration fees do not include travel and accommodation (although we will give some information about accommodation timely)

Program

The detailed programme is still in progress, and of course will depend also on the number of participants as well as other aspects. However, activities are planned to start on the morning of September 4 and end in the afternoon of September 6.

Below a list of the activities that are currently being planned:

- Seminars about qualitative and quantitative tools in urban sociology
- An Urban walk in the Genoa city centre
- Thematic sessions on: (1) academic writing and publication, (2) networking and group strategies, (3) mental well-being and life-work balance relations in academia, (4) writing proposals and identifying sources of research funding.
- Workshops including presentations and roundtable activities involving the participants and discussion sessions with senior urban researchers
- RN37 Open Business Meeting
- Plenary session about challenges and opportunities for urban sociology in the 21st century

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