FIELD TRAINING SCHOOL AND RESEARCH SEMINAR ON “URBAN ETHNOGRAPHY AND THEORY”

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Applications are now open for the Field Training School and Research Seminar on Urban Ethnography and Theory

Location: Montecatini Terme, Tuscany, Italy, on 18-26 July 2022.

This eight-day Summer programme is addressed to postgraduate and doctoral students, and to postdoctoral researchers, professionals and practitioners who are interested in ethnographic research and empirically-grounded analysis.

The School is organised and hosted by the International Urban Symposium-IUS in collaboration with an international group of senior scholars from European, Indian, Middle Eastern and US Universities, who will lead a series of teaching seminars, student research seminars and field trips. Teaching will be in English. Social events will also take place taking advantage of the centrality of the location within easy reach of Tuscany’s world-renowned iconic places.

The School will offer an interactive learning environment and opportunities to discuss the rationale and practices of traditional and new research methods and mainstream debates. Students will have the opportunity to present their own research and receive feedback from leading scholars; and to engage in team work and networking.

The Teaching Seminars will benefit from senior scholars’ wide range of ethnographic, methodological and theoretical expertise to address topical issues, including:

- urban diversity, migration, informality;
- legitimacy and legitimation
- governance, stereotype and stigma;
- the role of sport mega-events, rituals;
- crisis, emergency and conflict;
- public space, vernacular landscape, heritage, identity.

The primary aim is to train students in the ‘art’ of conducting ethnographic fieldwork and develop the link between ethnographically-based analysis and social theory. The in-class work will be supplemented by structured city walks and focused observational field trips.
followed by students’ reports.

With a view to honing and developing junior scholars’ skills as future professionals, the School will culminate in a full-day Research Seminar that will give students who are engaged in research the opportunity to present their work, engage in academic debate and benefit from expert feedback from the teaching staff. It is anticipated that expanded and revised versions of select Seminar papers will be published in outlets associated with the IUS, including the open-access, peer-reviewed journal Urbanities-Journal of Urban Ethnography.

**Deadline: Applications will be accepted until 21 March 2022.**

**More information and details on HOW TO APPLY are available at:** [https://www.internationalurbansymposium.com/events/2022-field-training-school/](https://www.internationalurbansymposium.com/events/2022-field-training-school/)