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**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

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# ALEXANDRA ALMEIDA

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CCDRLVT



Alexandra Almeida is a Geographer, senior technician in the Directorate of Regional Development Services of the CCDRLVT where she coordinates international cooperation and strategic planning projects as the representative of CCDRLVT in various international programmes and networks.

In the area of strategic planning, she has participated in the processes of preparation of the Regional Development Strategy of the Lisbon Metropolitan Area (periods 2014-2020 and 2021-2030) and the Regional Strategy for Intelligent Specialization of the Lisbon Metropolitan Area (periods 2014-2020 and 2021-2030). She is a team member of the H2020 project ROBUST - Unlocking rural-urban synergies.

# ALESSANDRO BALDUCCI

**POLITECNICO DI MILANO**

Architect and PhD in Planning, is full professor of Planning and Urban Policies at Politecnico di Milano. He has been Deputy Mayor for Urban Planning City of Milan (2015-2016), Vice-rector of the Politecnico di Milano (2010-2015), President of Urban@it (2015-2018), Head of the Department of Architecture and Planning (2001-2008), and director of the PhD program in Spatial Planning and Urban Development (2009- 2012). President of AESOP, the Association of the European Schools of Planning (2001-2004), among the founding members of the European Urban Research Association (EURA) and is currently Chair of the Italian Society of Urbanists (SIU).

He has taught at the Faculty of Architecture of Pescara (1992-1995), visiting scholar at U.C. Berkeley, USA, and visiting professor at the University of Reims, France, Tongij University Shanghai, China, Aalto University in Helsinki, Finland, MIT Cambridge, USA, Accademia di Architettura di Mendrisio, CH

Author/editor of 15 books, and of more than 100 articles and essays in Italian and English.



# ELISA BUTELLI

**UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI FIRENZE**



Graduated in planning of the city and territory (University of Florence) with full marks and honors with an interdisciplinary research on the theme of Integrated urban-rural tools for the social, economic and environmental requalification of intermediate territories.

PhD in Architecture - Curriculum: Urban and Territorial Planning - at the University of Florence. The doctoral thesis - Food Planning Strategies to reactivate urban-rural relations in bioregional territories - obtained full marks and honors. The research project in particular is contextualized in sustainable food planning, with an approach to bioregional planning.

She has collaborated in several research projects of the University of Florence on issues of the bioregion, peri-urban agricultural parks and ecosystem services.

Main fields of interest: open landscape, with special regard to rural areas and to town-country relationship, bioregion and sustainable food planning

# ROSELYNE DE LESTRANGE

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Roselyne de Lestrangé is an architect and landscape designer. She is a Postdoctoral researcher (UCL-LOCI) MLB scientific coordinator MLB steering committee. She worked as a project leader in public administrations and private offices, in France, Belgium and Argentina. She collaborates with Université Catholique de Louvain both as a teacher and a researcher.

Her research interests are landscape, systemic design approaches and coproduction processes in urbanism, landscape urbanism, metropolitan agroecologies, green infrastructures.

To know more about Roselyne's contribution in the framework of Metrolab: <https://www.metrolab.brussels/members/roselyne-de-lestrange>



# DAVID FANFANI

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David Fanfani (editor) is Associate Professor at the Architecture Department of Florence University as well as Lecturer in Urban and Regional Planning at the Master Science Course in Urban and Regional Planning and Design of the Architecture School. His main research and teaching fields mainly refer and relate to the study and design for peri urban areas enhancement as key interface between urban and rural domain. That particularly pursuing an integrative approach to local development and settlements sustainable planning and design, according to a bio-regional/territorialist perspective.

About these topics he authored manifold essays and publications, also at international level whereas he lately edited with A.Matarán, for Springer Publisher, the two volumes book *Bioregional Planning and Design*. (2020).

He is also appointed since 2019 as Chief editor of the *Planning Journal Contesti. Città, Territori, Progetti*. (Firenze University Press Publisher,

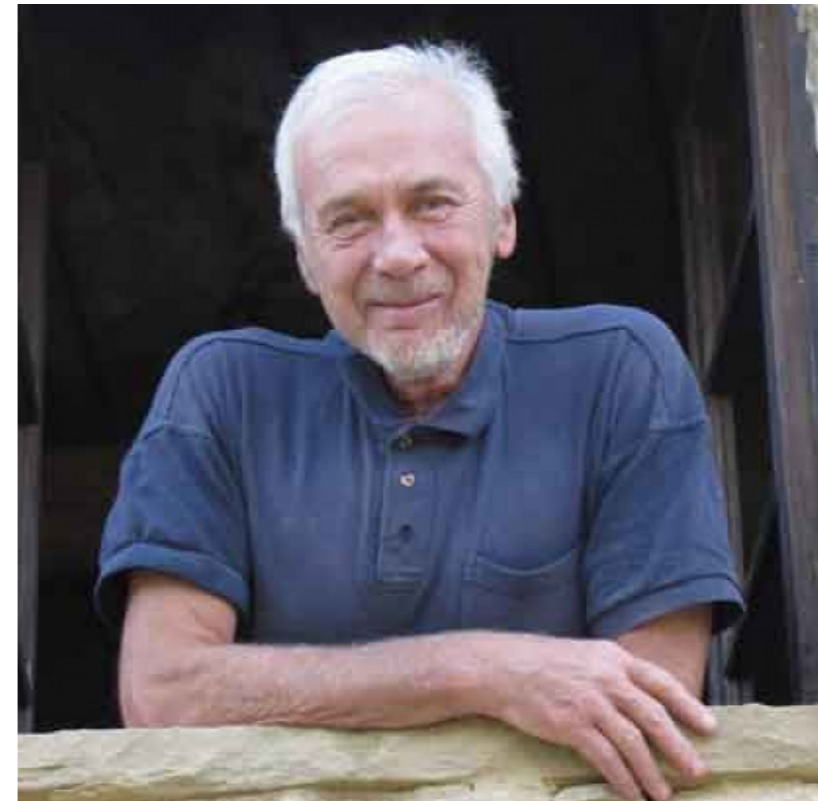
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# ALBERTO MAGNAGHI

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI FIRENZE, ITALIAN TERRITORIALISTS' SOCIETY-SDT

Alberto Magnaghi (Torino, 1941) is Professor Emeritus in Regional Planning at Department of Architecture of the University of Florence, where he founded and headed the LaPEI (Laboratory of Settlements' Ecological Design). He was Head of the Master Courses in Urban and Regional Planning and Design. Founder of the Italian Territorialist School (Scuola territorialista), he was national coordinator of research projects and experimental laboratories, coordinating several strategic projects and plans. Among those: Progetti di bonifica, risanamento e valorizzazione ambientale del bacino dei fiumi Lambro Seveso Olona (1994-2001); Master Plan del Parco fluviale della media valle dell'Arno (2006-2008); Piano paesaggistico territoriale regionale della Puglia (2007-2010); progetto di Bioregione urbana della Toscana centrale (2007-2010); Piano di indirizzo territoriale con valenza di Piano paesaggistico della Toscana (2010-2015). He experiments the building of Territorial heritage Atlases in different realms and participation modes for the social production of the territorial plan.



# ALBERTO R. MATARAN

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BsC and PhD in Environmental Science (University of Granada). Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Granada. Visiting scholar in different international universities and professor in several postgraduate programs including Urban and Regional Planning, Agroecology, Environmental History and International Cooperation.

His research interest is centred on local self-sustainability including the importance of periurban areas and local food systems. According to this his methodological approach is based on an agroecological and decolonial perspective and considers the importance of participation for the transition processes in Europe and Latinamerica



# ROSÁRIO OLIVEIRA

UNIVERSITY OF LISBON

Rosário Oliveira is a PhD Landscape Architect, she has reconciled teaching and research at 6 universities.

Currently she is a researcher at the Instituto de Ciências Sociais – Universidade de Lisboa (SHIFT research group - Environment, Territory and Society ).

Her research seeks to respond to societal challenges, in particular the climate emergency, food planning and biodiversity loss, through transformative processes and nature based solutions that integrate science, public policies and action, with a positive impact on human well-being, the economy, environmental and landscape quality.



# CAMILLA PERRONE

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Camilla Perrone is Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Florence, where she teaches Urban Policy and Spatial Strategic Planning. Her concurrent appointments include Founding Director of the Research Lab. of Critical Planning and Design.

She coordinates research groups in competitive research projects and third-party projects on contemporary urban transformations, urban diversity and spatial injustice, urban policies, strategic multiscalar planning, governance of regions and metropolitan areas, participatory planning. Currently, she is President of the Scientific Committee of the National Study Center for Urban Policies (Urban@it). In addition, she serves in multiple roles in Italian, European and international Associations such as the Italian Society of Urban Planners (SIU), AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning), Inura (International Network of Urban Research and Action).

Her publications include: “DiverCity” (FrancoAngeli 2010); “Space Matters” (with Giancarlo Paba), in A. Balducci et al., Post-Metropolitan Territories (Routledge 2017); “Cities in Motion” (Guerini, forthcoming). Perrone is also editor of “Critical Planning & Design: Roots, pathways, and frames” (Springer, 2021).

# KEITH PEZZOLI

**SAN DIEGO UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Keith Pezzoli is a Teaching Professor in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at the University of California, San Diego.

Pezzoli directs the Bioregional Center for Sustainability Science, Planning and Design. His teaching and civically-engaged research integrate planning and design with health science, data science, sustainability science, and the power of storytelling—focusing, for instance, on urban-rural resilience, green infrastructure, food justice, and nature-based solutions to climate change. Much of his work is aimed at improving environmental health, coupled cyber-physical-civic infrastructures, community science and justice in the San Diego-Tijuana binational bioregion spanning the US-Mexico border.

He has published studies on planning for sustainable human settlements, bioregionalism, urban agriculture, convergence research, and local solutions to climate change, among other topics.





# CARLO PISANO

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Carlo Pisano is Assistant Professor of urbanism and urban design at the University of Florence. He has carried out research and teaching activities in the field of spatial planning and design at the Universities of Cagliari and Florence, IUAV of Venice and TU Delft. The main research fields concern the study of Regional Design and Visioning in Europe at the metropolitan and regional level and of urban regeneration processes of areas under transformation.

International research projects include “Bruxelles 2040” (2011), “Greater Moscow” (2012) and “Nieuw Zuid Masterplan” (2012) developed for the Associate Studio Bernardo Secchi Paola Viganò; the Strategic and Territorial Plan for the Metropolitan City of Florence (2016-2021), the Masterplan for the Quartier Wienerstrasse in Linz (2018).

Recent publications include contributions to *Urbanistica*, *Crios*, *Tema*, *Monu*, *Sustainability*, *Tourism Planning & Development* and *Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development*.

# DANIELA POLI

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PhD, full professor in Urban and Regional Planning, President of the master's degree course in Urban and Regional Planning and Design, she directs the Laboratory of Ecological Design of settlements and the editorial series *Territori* at the University of Florence. She is a member of the Board and Scientific Committee of the Society of Territorialists and Territorialists (SDT).

She has carried out theoretical and applicative research on the theme of description, representation and enhancement of the territorial heritage and the landscape in an interactive perspective according to a bioregional approach.

She has coordinated research groups for projects such as the Biorégion in Aquitaine, the Bioregional Project in the Mining Region of Lens-Lille, the bioregional reorganization of the Metropolitan City of Florence. She was a visiting professor at the University of Bordeaux.





# JOE RAVETZ

## UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER



Joe Ravetz is the Leader on Future-Wise Cities for the Manchester Urban Institute, and currently director of the global project Peri-cene (peri-urbanization and climate-environment). He has worked on foresight / systems analysis, sustainable cities, climate / environment policy, and economic development, as Co-Director of the Centre for Urban Resilience. From this he developed the Synergistics methods for mapping collective intelligence, and design of transformative pathways. He is author of 'City-Region 2020', 'Environment and City', and the new 'Deeper City: collective intelligence and the pathways from smart to wise'.

He has advised policy (UNIDO, UN-Habitat, DG Regio, EU & UK government & public agencies) and also business, as a Principal of the non-profit SAMI Consulting. As a former architect-planner he is an advocate of creative visual thinking, in foresight and similar methods for creative transformation. Joe Ravetz has now set up the Collaboratorium for collective intelligence, a global online community, working to develop and test selected pathways 'from smart to wise'.

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New book: <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415628976/>

General site: [www.manchester.ac.uk/synergistics/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/synergistics/)

Laboratory of Collective Intelligence: [www.manchester.ac.uk/synergistics/conversations/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/synergistics/conversations/)

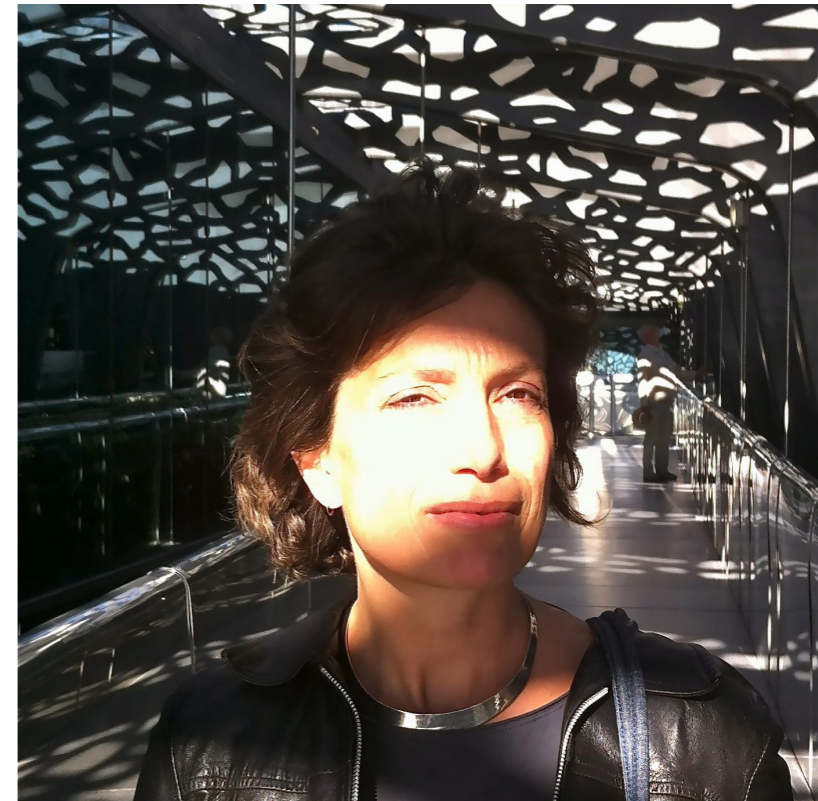
Creative visual thinking: [www.urban3.net](http://www.urban3.net)

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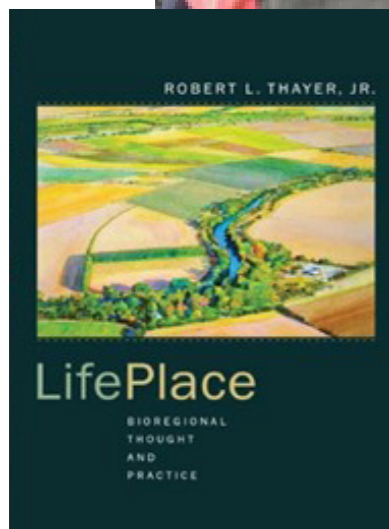
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Co-author of *Le Grand Paris après l'effondrement. Pistes pour une Ile-de-France bioregionale* (Wildproject, 2020) and of various books, including *Small treatise on local resilience* (with Pablo Servigne, Raphaël Stevens, Hugo Carton, ECLM éditions, 2015), *Walter Benjamin facing the storm of progress* (*Le Passager clandestin*, 2016) (all these publications are in French).



# ROBERT THAYER

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Robert L. Thayer, Jr., FASLA, FCELA, is Emeritus Professor of Landscape Architecture and the founder of the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of California, Davis.

He has been a bioregional activist and scholar since 1989, having served on the boards of directors of three bioregional organizations in northern California: The Cache Creek Conservancy, the Putah Creek Council, and the Blue Ridge-Berryessa Partnership.

Robert Thayer's 2003 book, *LifePlace: Bioregional Thought and Practice*, published by the University of California Press, is globally recognized by academics and bioregional practitioners alike. Most recently he is the author of "A Bioregional Bridge Across the Urban-Rural Divide", Chapter Two in *Bioregional Planning and Design, Volume 1: Perspectives on a Transitional Century*, edited by David Fafani and Alberto Mataran Ruiz, and published by Springer in 2020.





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