

Research workshop

"Resilient Horizons: Place, Governance, and Organizational Adaptation in the Age of Climate Disruption"

Florence (Italy), 4-5 December 2025



Aim and scope

This international research workshop aims to explore innovative, mixed-method approaches to climate impact assessment, with a focus on how environmental disruptions affect socio-ecological systems and challenge organizational sustainability. Bringing together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers from a variety of disciplines, the workshop will shed light on how businesses, communities, and institutions respond to climate-related crises, examining frameworks for adaptive strategies, assess best practices, and explore the role of managerial decision-making in building long-term resilience. Its ultimate goal is to provide an opportunity to spread and disseminate the most recent research on these issues.

Program

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

15.00-17.30: **Guided tour – [Bargello Museum](#)**, Florence city center

See below for further details about the visit.

Please note that **reservation is required** (contact resilient.horizons.workshop@disei.unifi.it to book your spot).

Thursday, December 4, 2025

9.00-10.00: **Registration and welcome coffee**, Building D6, 1st floor

10.00-10.30: **Opening and welcome session**, Room D6/1.05, Building D6, 1st floor

Prof. Giorgia Giovannetti, Vice President for International Relations, and Principal Investigator of the European University Alliance EUniWell, University of Florence

10.30-12.00: **Session 1 - From isolation to inclusion: Understanding climate-induced vulnerabilities**, Room D6/1.05, Building D6, 1st floor

Chair: Federica Ielasi

Presentations:

- **Margherita Gorrieri**, *"Multidimensional isolation as a factor of vulnerability"* – University of Florence
- **Anastasia Allkurti**, *"Internal migration and climate change"* – University of Florence
- **Andrea Perrone**, *"Renewable Energy Communities: Reducing environmental impact and promoting social inclusion. spatial analysis of the European framework"* – Link Campus University
- **Gabriel Navarro Tilloca**, *"Islands, societies and tales of energy transition: Social inequalities and energy vulnerability, in the energy transition era"* – IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca
- **Maria Chiara Cecchetti**, *"Beyond policy intentions: What has CAP crop diversification actually achieved? Toward a broader economic, environmental, and land-use assessment"* – University of Florence

12.00-13.00: **Keynote speech: Boris Braun**, Institute of Geography, University of Cologne
Introduction by **Annalisa Caloffi**, University of Florence
Room D6/0.16, Building D6, Ground floor

13.00-14.30: **Light lunch** - Building D6, 1st floor

14.30-16.00: **Session 2 - Climate governance and territorial resilience: Managing social and environmental tensions**, Room D6/1.05, Building D6, 1st floor

Chair: Lucia Ferrone

Presentations:

- **Ester García Fernández**, *"Climate and social conflicts: Rewriting the established link"* – University of Murcia
- **Matteo Dalle Vaglie**, *"From global soil signals to place-based resilience: Using HUMERIS to inform governance and organizational adaptation under climate disruption"* – University of Florence
- **Isabel Claviez**, *"Climate change at the fjord: An empirical assessment of challenges and adaptation strategies for Kiel, German Baltic sea"* – University of Cologne
- **Farid Oubaali**, *"Energy transition and territorial resilience: A critical analysis of the Noor Ouarzazate Solar Complex in a climate vulnerable context"* – EMAA Business School, Agadir
- **Francesco Cappellano**, *"A comparative policy approach to climate change in cross-border regions"* – Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel

16.00-16.30: **Coffee break** - Building D6, 1st floor

16.30-18.00: **Session 3**

Parallel session 3a	Parallel session 3b
Room D6/1.05, Building D6, 1st floor	Room D6/1.10, Building D6, 1st floor
Innovating governance: Digital, environmental, and organizational resilience	From local risks to global resilience: Rethinking climate adaptation pathways
Chair: Stefania Oliva	Chair: Tiziano Distefano
Presentations: • Bipasha Nath, “Digital is for all”: Examining third sector transfiguration through digital transformation” – University of Florence • Giulia Chiara Ceresa, “Resilient horizons in industrial districts: Hybrid governance and organizational adaptation in the leather CER” – University of Florence • Valentina Capocéfalo, “Improving place-based environmental governance and stakeholders engagement through a large-scale survey on environmental benefits and values” – University of Milan • Damiano Cesa Bianchi, “Business models of Renewable Energy Communities: Evidence from a multiple case study in Italy” – University of Florence	Presentations: • Ajeng Larasati, “Methodological challenges in capturing local and translocal social networks for coastal adaptation: Lessons from fieldwork in Padang and Denpasar, Indonesia” – University of Cologne • Donato Romano, “The need for a resilient transformation of food systems in a risky world” – University of Florence • Julian Lovreglio, “Solar Transitions and resilient failures: A multi-sited inquiry into the territorial contradictions of climate governance” – Italian National Research Council (CNR) & Sapienza University of Rome • Annaelena Valentini, “Climate shocks and social vulnerability in Tuscany” – University of Florence

20.00: Social dinner at [Trattoria «Lo Stracotto»](#)

Friday, December 5, 2025

9.00-10.30: **Session 4 - Governing transformation: Leadership, identity, and resilience across levels**, Room D6/1.02, Building D6, 1st floor

Chair: Marco Bellucci

Presentations:

- **Valeria Cocco**, “Governing urban change: The Jubilee 2025 and the transformation of Rome” – University of Rome “La Sapienza”
- **Luca Giustiniano**, “Resilience at a price: Unintended consequences for leaders in Italy’s hospitality sector” – LUISS University
- **Lamberto Zollo**, “Collective social entrepreneuring in marginalized areas: Collective identity transformation and resilience-building” – University of Milan



- **Lise Martins Nourry**, *“Building local climate resilience: How foresight scenarios can overcome institutional barriers and foster inter-organizational solutions”* – University of Strasbourg
- **Nicola Del Sarto**, *“Symbol or substance? ESG ratings, sustainable identity, and financial performance”* – University of Florence

10.30-11.00: **Coffee break**

11.30-12.30: **Roundtable: “Resilient horizons: A dialogue between academia, private and public sectors”**. Room D6/1.02, Building D6, 1st floor

Academia and practice conversation on resilience and sustainability held by **Fabio Fraticelli** (TechSoup), **Marco Mariani** (IRPET) and **Silvia Sedita** (University of Padova)

Moderator: Angelo Facchini (IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca)

12.30-13.00: **Workshop closing**

14.30-17.00: **SHIELD - EUniWell research project Steering Committee**

Room D6/3.03, Building D6, 3rd floor

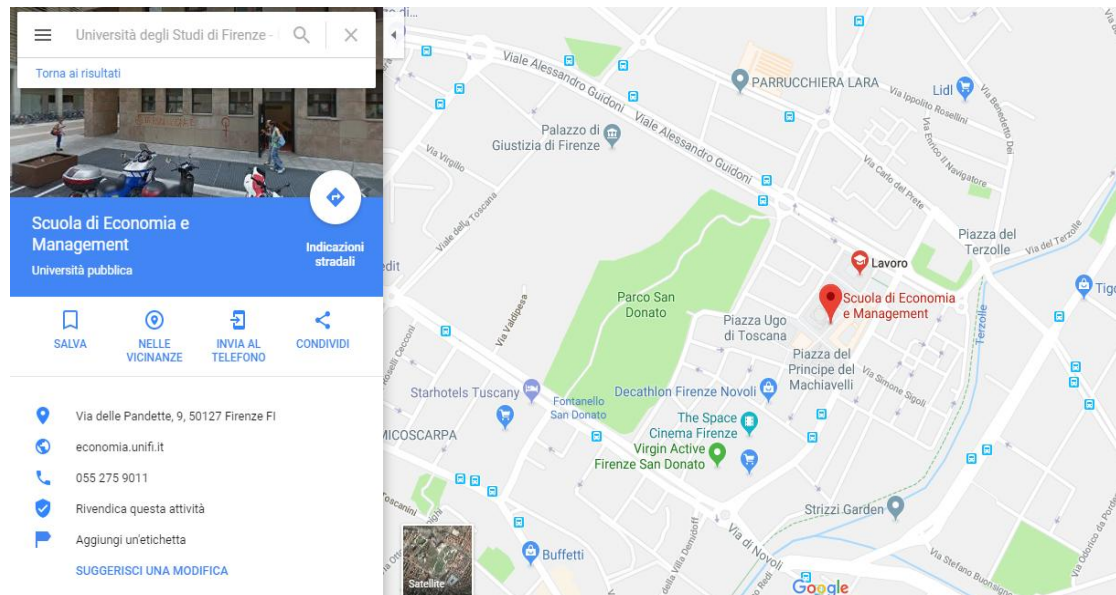
Please note that the sessions will be organized as follows:

- **Sessions with five papers:** each presenter will have up to **12 minutes** for their presentation.
- **Sessions with four papers:** each presenter will have up to **15 minutes** for their presentation.

Each presentation will be followed by **6–7 minutes** of comments and questions from the audience.
Session chairs will keep time and ensure that the schedule runs smoothly.

Venue

Novoli, Social Sciences Campus (the closest tram stop is «**San Donato-Università**», just 10 minutes by tram from the main train station). See the location on [Google Maps](#) - Social Sciences Campus, Via delle Pandette 9, Building D6, 50127 Florence.



How to reach us from the city center:

Option 1

- Take **Tram T2** from Firenze Santa Maria Novella central train station (both tram stops “Unità” and “Alamanni-Stazione” are fine)
- Get off at tram stop “**San Donato - Università**”
- Walk 6 minutes to the Social Sciences Campus, Via delle Pandette 9

Option 2

- Take **Bus n. 23** from Firenze Santa Maria Novella central train station (both bus stops “Stazione Scalette” and “Scala Orti Oricellari” are fine)
- Get off at bus stop “**Del Prete Terzolle**”
- Walk 6 minutes to the Social Sciences Campus, Via delle Pandette 9

More information on possible routes can be found on:

- the [Autolinee Toscane website](#); they have also an App “At bus”, but no English version is available so far
- [Moovit](#) website or App (available also in English), but this option is usually less reliable

How to get to Florence

- *By plane*: The easiest way to get to Florence is to fly to Florence Airport (Florence Peretola-Amerigo Vespucci Airport; located 4 km from the city centre) or to Pisa International Airport (Galileo Galilei Airport), located about 80 km west of Tuscany’s capital.
- *From Pisa Airport to Florence city centre*: find [here](#) potentially useful information.

- *From Florence Airport to the city centre:* The best option is to take the new tram line (T2) which gets to the heart of the city (tram stop "Unità"). Alternative options are private transfers and taxi.

Accommodation

We can provide reduced rate accommodation at Hilton Garden Inn Florence Novoli. When booking your room, please inform you will be attending a workshop at our Department.

You might also want to have a look at the following links:

- Foresteria Valdese
- <https://www.destinationflorence.com/>
- <https://www.unifi.it/index.php?module=CMpro&func=viewpage&pageid=10832&newlang=eng>
- <https://housinganywhere.com/s/Florence--Italy>

Cultural activity – Guided tour of the Bargello Museum

To participate in the tour, please **make sure you have carefully noted the following** :

- The visit is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 3** (the day before the workshop begins), with an **English-speaking guide** and audio headsets for all participants
- **The meeting point is at 3.00 PM**, in front of the [San Firenze Suites & Spa hotel, Piazza San Firenze](#)
- The tour **starts at 3.30 PM** – however, please **make sure you arrive at 3.00 PM** so that tickets can be purchased and audio headsets distributed
- **Tour duration:** approximately 1.5–2 hours
- **Total cost per person** (ticket + headset + guide): **€ 20**
- Please **bring cash**, as the guide- who normally does not have a POS payment device - will purchase the tickets for the group

Museum policy:

- You may bring **plastic water bottles up to 0.5 L**. No limits apply to reusable water bottles.
- **All other drinks are prohibited** (tea, cola, soda, etc.).

Group size:

- A maximum **20 participants are allowed**, so please make sure you have booked your spot 😊

After the visit, participants are free to explore the city on their own. For dinner, you might find the following options interesting:

- [Trattoria da Marione](#) (traditional Tuscan restaurant)
- [L'Alfieri - Restaurant](#) (riverside restaurant with frescoed rooms; also ideal for aperitifs)
- [Buca San Giovanni](#) (traditional Tuscan restaurant, situated in front of the Dome)
- [l' Girone dei Ghiotti](#) (focaccia sandwiches)

Organizing committee

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