

## Short Curriculum vitae

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#### • EDUCATION

- 2002 Master in Urban planning and sustainable development: analysis, design and management at the Urban Planning Studies Centre "Alberto Calza Bini", University Federico II, Naples.
- 2001 PhD in Urban Planning and Territorial Studies at the Faculty of Engineering of the University Federico II of Naples (Italy). Doctoral scholarship at the Brookes University Oxford – supervisor prof. Ivor Samuels.
- 1998 Master in Urban Planning and Design at Faculty of architecture of the University La Sapienza of Rome (Italy).
- 1994 BS in Architecture (110 cum laude) at the Faculty of architecture of the University of Naples Federico II, (Italy). Thesis awarded by the Italian Ministry of Research and University.

#### • CURRENT POSITION

2010 – to date Senior Researcher at the IRISS CNR, Naples (Italy)

#### • PREVIOUS POSITION

2001 – 2010 Researcher in permanent position at the CNR (Italy)

#### • PROFILE

Gabriella Esposito De Vita, architect and PhD, has worked at the CNR (National Research Council of Italy) as researcher at the Institute of Territorial Planning and Management (I.Pi.Ge.T.) since 2001, and as senior researcher at the Institute for Research on Innovation and Services for Development (IRISS) since 2010.

She has conducted research into models of sustainability for built environments with a focus on understanding links between social transformations and city functions and spaces. In so doing she has been granted by CNR, University of Naples Federico II, Second University of Naples, and the University of Rome La Sapienza. Specialized in “Urban Planning” at the University of Rome La Sapienza (2nd level Master Degree) in 1998, she got her PhD in “Territorial Science and Planning” at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Naples Federico II (2001) by developing a research on Private-Public-Partnerships as engine for developing an intercultural sustainable city. As PhD candidate, she coordinated two interdisciplinary research projects granted by the Ministry of University and Research and accessed an Erasmus doctoral grant at the Brookes University Oxford.

Her research activities are included within the ERC panel SH2 (2020), SH2\_9 Urban, regional and rural studies. With regard to the Italian Research Program 2021-2027, she develops research, training and exploitation activities within the field 2 “Human culture, creativity, social transformation, society of inclusion”, specifically subfield 2.5 “Social transformation and society of inclusion for urban and territorial regeneration”.

Gabriella is currently Head of the CNR IRISS Laboratory on Place-based Regeneration linked to the EU H2020 RISE project “Transition with Resilience for Evolutionary Development” (TREN-D). She has coordinated EU funded research projects on urban regeneration processes, civic economics, urban security and resilience. Recently, she has been Executive Coordinator of the H2020 EU funded project CLIC - Circular models Leveraging Investments in Cultural heritage adaptive reuse. Marie Curie Fellow at the Northeastern University of Boston and the San Diego State University (USA) she has been local coordinator within the framework of the research project CLUDs on place-based regeneration processes (2011-2014) and coordinated the CNR unit of the UE 7FP funded project BESECURE by developing case studies on relationships between urban regeneration and social security.

In 2010 and 2011 she has been granted as visiting scholar at the BERI University of Ulster (UK) and the CEDEM University of Liege (Belgium). She coordinated the AESOP Thematic Group Public Places and Urban Cultures (2017-2019) and is currently member of the advisory board, promoting joint events, research programs as well as education and community engagement initiatives.

She is member of several Scientific Boards in Academic and Research institutions in Italy and abroad. Throughout her career, Gabriella has taught urban planning in several academic institutions in Italy and she has received the qualification of Associate Professor of Urban Planning from the Ministry of University and Research of Italy (2014). At international level she coordinated early stage researchers in the framework of IRSES Marie Curie projects (2011-2014) at the Northeastern University of Boston and the San Diego State University (USA). Since 2012 she is member of the Academic Board of the EU funded International Doctorate Program URED "Urban Regeneration and Economic Development". She organized international workshops within the CNR network and participated as Mentor to the WWTF Summer School of the University of Technology di Vienna (2014).

Regarding the dissemination exploitation activities, she organized and participated as invited speaker to several national and international conferences and seminars; she has been invited Chair of AESOP, EURA and SIU annual conferences as well as other international networks. She also promoted initiatives of community engagement, research action as well as knowledge transfer to institution and communication for local empowerment. She published scientific papers and books in the field of urban planning, participatory processes, civic economics, built environment re-use and urban regeneration processes.

The research activity focuses on the following topics:

- Territorial balancing: a systematic approach to cope with the strong anthropization of metropolitan and cultural cities and the marginalization of internal areas moving beyond the dichotomy center/periphery and urban/rural, by addressing a circular city approach oriented at improving community and institutional resilience.
- Place-based regeneration processes have been studied according to the EU Cohesion Policy and the Smart Specialization Strategies (S3) approach. In this perspective, public-private-partnerships (PPPs) have been investigated in order to address regenerative, long term, inclusive and self-sustainable initiatives.
- Culture-led regeneration processes and adaptive reuse of cultural heritage through circular city approaches.
- Public spaces: different studies were developed on urban emancipation through observing conflicting decision making processes regarding metropolitan “brownfields”, cultural diversity and inclusion in divided societies, organized crime impacts on urban planning and societal challenges, market-led redevelopment projects and gentrification.

- **FELLOWSHIPS**

2020 – 2023	Marie Curie Fellow at the Northeastern University of Boston (Dept. of Economics), Boston (USA) and the Louisiana Tech University (Media Lab) Ruston (USA) within the framework of the EU funded project TREND
2012 – 2017	Marie Curie Fellow at the Northeastern University of Boston (Dept. of Economics), Boston (USA) and the San Diego State University (Dept. of Urban Affairs) San Diego (USA) within the framework of the EU funded projects CLUDs and MAPs-LED
2011	Visiting scholarship at the CEDEM University of Liege (Belgium) jointly funded by the CNR Short mobility Program for the research project Conflicting neighbourhoods: the role of public spaces in supporting cultural and social inclusion.
2010	Visiting scholarship at the BERI University of Ulster (UK) jointly funded by the CNR Short mobility Program for the research project Multiculturalism and Conflict Solving. Exploring the Role of Community Planning to guarantee social inclusion and accessibility to housing and urban public realm
1999-2000	Scholarship for studies on Projects and programmes for urban regeneration in peripheral areas and urban “non-lieux” at the Second University of Naples, Aversa, (Italy)
1996 – 1998	Scholarships within the framework of the CNR PFT2 for developing research on Urban planning and transports: technological innovation and sustainable development, Faculty of Engineering University Federico II of Naples (Italy)
1995	Scholarship for studies on Theories ad techniques of Environmental Design at the Institute of Research on Territorial Planning and Management (I.Pi.Ge.T.) of the National Research Council of Italy (CNR).
1994	Scholarship for studies on the Exploitation opportunities for the International Charter of urban planning Megaride 94 at the Dept. of Planning and Territorial Sciences of the University Federico II, Naples (Italy).

- **SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS**

- 2010 – 2021 Supervision of n. 6 Postdoc positions - CNR and Department of Architecture of the University Federico II of Naples
- 2012 – 2019 Mentorship of n. 9 PhD Candidates within the International PhD Program Urban Regeneration and Economic development at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria (Italy)
- 2013 – 2017 Supervision of n. 2 PhD Candidates within the PhD Program in Evaluation methods for integrated protection and valorization of the Cultural Heritage, University of Naples Federico II (Italy)
- 2013 – 2015 Supervision of n. 1 PhD Candidate within the PhD Program in European Urban Studies, at the Institute for European Urban Studies (Bauhaus University of Weimar) Germany
- 2008 – 2010 Supervision of n. 12 Master students within the Pilot Master Course in Planning and management of urban transformation for the interethnic European city, University of Naples Federico II, Link University of Malta (Rome), Della Rocca Foundation (Rome), Italy

- **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

- 2012 – 2019 Member of the Academic Board of the EU funded International PhD Program Urban Regeneration and Economic development at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria (Italy) – lectures on Urban planning and urban regeneration
- 2014 – 2016 Member of the Academic Board of the International Workshops Cities from the Sea Maritime Identity and Regeneration at the CNR IRISS – lectures on Waterfront regeneration
- 2014 Invited Lecturer and Mentor of the WWTF Summer School “Designing Places of Emancipation?”, Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space (SKuOR) at the Department of Spatial Planning, University of Technology (TU) Vienna
- 2010 Contract Professor of Progettazione Urbanistica Esecutiva, within the Corso di Laurea di Architettura U.E., Faculty of Architecture of the Second University of Naples, Aversa, Italy
- 2007 – 2009 Contract Professor of Tecniche e Strumenti per la Gestione del Territorio and Innovazioni tecnologiche per la pianificazione territoriale e urbanistica, within the Corso di Laurea di Architettura U.E., Faculty Engineering of the University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy
- 1999 – 2005 Contract Professor of Analisi e Valutazione Ambientale, within the Corso di Laurea di Architettura U.E., Faculty of Architecture of the Second University of Naples, Aversa, Italy
- 2000 – 2002 Contract Lecturer of Post-lauream Courses in Urban planning organized by the Faculty of Architecture of the Second University of Naples, Aversa; the FORMEZ, Pozzuoli; the CESVITEC, Naples, and the Faculty of Engineering of the University Federico II Naples, Italy

- **ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (selected)**

Conference or Track Chair and Scientific Board of more the 50 International and National conferences, Kick off Meeting of Projects, Doctoral Workshops, Architecture Biennale of Venice, Advanced Brainstorm Carrefour (ABCs) The Science of the City conferences and the annual conferences such as:

- AESOP Association of European School of Planning Annual Conferences of Tartu 2022, Bristol 2020 (cancelled for the Covid-1 emergency), Venice 2019, Gothenburg 2018, Lisbon 2019.
- New Metropolitan Perspective International Symposiums Isth2020 of the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria, editions of 2020, 2018, 2016 and 2014
- Thematic Group Public Spaces and Urban Cultures (AESOP) workshops and conferences: Thessaloniki (blended), 2021; Venice (blended) 2020, Rome 2017, Vienna, 2017, Porto 2015, Naples, 2014, Lisbon 2012, Naples 2011
- SIU (Società Italiana degli Urbanisti) Annual conferences: 2020-21 Turin (blended), Bari-Matera 2019, Florence 2018, Rome 2017, Catania 2016

- **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (selected)**

Among the other Scientific Awards, Editorial board of Book Series and Journal, Responsibilities of CNR Workgroups, Member of several recruitment Commissions, Scientific Working Groups, Expert Panels  
2020 – to date Advisory Board of the of the Italian Scientific Society of Urban Planner (SIU)  
2015 – to date Scientific board of the CNR IRISS, Italy  
2004 – 2017 Board of Directors of the Aldo Della Rocca Foundation of Urban Studies, Rome  
1999 – 2005 Faculty Committee, Second University of Naples, Aversa, Italy  
2001 – to date Organizer of several Internal Seminar, CNR IRAT and IRISS, Naples, Italy

- **REVIEWING ACTIVITIES (selected)**

2019 – to date Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the AESOP Thematic Group Public Places and Urban Cultures. Association of European School of Planning  
2001 – to date Review Board of the following Journals: Journal of Architecture and Urbanism; Journal of Civil Engineering and Architecture; Land; Sustainability, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; European Journal for Security Research; Journal of Urban Affairs; JCCS-A Journal of Comparative Cultural Studies in Architecture; TRIA - Territorio della Ricerca su Insediamenti e Ambiente; BDC Bollettino Calza Bini;

- **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES (selected)**

2015 – to date Member of the Governing Body (Consiglio dei Rappresentanti) of the Italian Scientific Society of Urban Planner (SIU)  
2000 – to date Member of National Institute of Urban Planning (INU)  
2015 – 2019 Coordinator of the AESOP Thematic Group Public Places and Urban Cultures. Association of European School of Planning

- **MAIN RESEARCH COORDINATION (selected in the last ten years)**

(2020- to date) Coordinator of the CNR Funded Project on Place-based Regeneration and territorial imbalances  
(2019- to date) Coordinator of the CNR IRISS Unit within the EU H2020 RISE Project TREND on Transitional Planning and Resilience for Economic Development  
(2017-2019) Executive coordinator of the H2020 Project CLIC on Circular models Leveraging Investments in Cultural heritage adaptive reuse, led by CNR IRISS.  
(2014-2019) Coordinator of the CNR Funded Project on Place-based Strategies and policies for Local Development.  
(2015-2016) Coordinator of the CNR IRISS Unit of the Regional Project on Interethnic City and Inclusive Citizenship: the Campania Region Case  
(2009-2015) Coordinator of the FESR-FEP Funded Project on Resilient Fishing in Coastal areas with relevant cultural and environmental values.  
(2012-2014) Coordinator of the CNR Funded Project on Urban Safety and Public Spaces  
(2011-2015) Coordinator of the CNR IRISS Unit of the EU Funded Project 7<sup>o</sup>FP Best practice Enhancers for Security in Urban Regions (BESECURE) Call FP7-SEC-2011-1  
(2010-2011) Coordinator of the CNR Funded Project on Cultural diversities and social activation: strategies for security and local development.  
(2010-2014) Local Coordinator of the EU 7<sup>o</sup>FP IRSES Marie Curie CLUDs Commercial Local Urban Districts Project.

*Coordination of 19 funded research projects and participation in more than 30 funded research projects throughout her career, as well as several workgroups and action-research fieldworks (recorded as knowledge transfer initiatives) in the last 10 years, at national and international level.*

- **AWARDS**

- (2002) Premio Marrama, Competition for Monographs on Local Development (Research Section)  
(2001) First Prize, Idea Competition on “Schema di sviluppo dello spazio europeo” sponsored by the Aldo della Rocca Foundation  
(1996) First Prize, Idea Competition on “La conferenza mondiale Habitat II, problemi e soluzioni per gli insediamenti umani del XXI secolo” sponsored by the Aldo della Rocca Foundation  
(1995) Special Award and grant for the Honours Degree Thesis - University of Naples Federico II  
(1993) Special Award and grant for “La Multipolis” video productions (ex equo) at the International Conference “City-Charter-Competition-Conference”, Castle dell'Ovo, Naples

- **PUBLICATIONS (15 publications selected in the last 10 years)**

*The total number of publication is 124 among books, chapter and journal articles, and 24 Final Research Project Reports*

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- 1) Esposito De Vita G. (2020) “Approcci di rigenerazione place-based per innescare processi adattivi complessi” in Valeria D'Ambrosio, Marina Rigillo, Enza Tersigni (a cura di) *Transizioni. Conoscenza e progetto climate proof*, CLEAN, Napoli, ISBN 978-88-8497-780-9
- 2) Oppido S.; Ragozino S.; Esposito De Vita G. (2020) Exploring territorial imbalances: a systematic literature review of meanings and terms, in *Smart innovation, systems and technologies* (Print) DOI 10.1007/978-3-030-52869-0\_8 (Scopus)
- 3) Esposito De Vita G.; Iavarone R.; Gravagnuolo A.; Alberico I. (2019) An evaluation framework for resilience-oriented planning in *Smart innovation, systems and technologies* (Print) DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-92099-3\_60 (Scopus)
- 4) Iavarone R.; Alberico I.; Gravagnuolo A.; Esposito De Vita G. (2019) The role of cultural heritage in urban resilience enhancement in *Smart innovation, systems and technologies* (Print) DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-92102-0\_39 (Scopus)
- 5) Esposito De Vita G. (2018) How to Reclaim Mafia-Controlled Territory? The emancipatory experience in Southern Italy. In Knierbein S., Videman T. (eds.) “Public Space Unbound”, Routledge, London. (Scopus)
- 6) Oppido, S.; Ragozino S.; Micheletti S., Esposito De Vita G. (2018) Sharing responsibilities to regenerate publicness and cultural values of marginalized landscapes: Case of Alta Irpinia, Italy in *Urbani izziv* (Tiskana izd.) (Scopus)
- 7) Esposito G. (2014), “Segregative power of violence in Belfast and Naples. Exploring the role of public spaces reconnecting divided societies”, in Madanipour A., Knierbein S., Degros A. (a cura di), *Public Space and the Challenges of Urban Transformation in Europe*, Routledge, ISBN: 978-0-415-63834-0. (Scopus)
- 8) Esposito De Vita, G., Oppido, S. (2016), “Inclusive cities for intercultural communities. European experiences”, in *Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 223, Elsevier, p. 134-140. ISSN 1877-0428 DOI <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.sbspro.2016.05.333> (Scopus)
- 9) Esposito De Vita G., Trillo C., Martinez-Perez A. (2016) “Community planning and urban design in contested places. Some insights from Belfast”, in *Journal of Urban Design*, vol.21(3), May 2016, p. 320-334. (Scopus)
- 10) Esposito De Vita G, Trillo C, Oppido S. (2016). “Urban Regeneration and Civic Economics: a bottom up approach in Boston and Naples” (Stadterneuerung und zivile Ökonomie: ein gemeinschafts basierter Ansatz in Boston und Neapel), in *Journal of Comparative Cultural Studies in Architecture JCCS-A*, 9, p. 28–40.
- 11) Esposito De Vita G., Acierio A. (2015), “Allarme sociale e migranti: l’esperienza di un quartiere CEP in Napoli tra inclusione e segregazione”, in *Archivio di Studi Urbani e Regionali*, vol. 114; p. 73-96. Franco Angeli, ISSN 0004-0177, DOI: 10.3280/ASUR2015-114004. (Classe A)
- 12) Esposito De Vita G., Ragozino S., Simeone M. (2015) “Community engagement for cultural landscape: a case study of heritage preservation and tourism development”, *BDC Bollettino del Centro Calza Bini*, 1, p. 131-150,

ISSN: 1121-2918. (Classe A)

- 13) Esposito De Vita G., Ragozino S. (2014), “Retail Activities as Regeneration Opportunities: The Case of Naples (Italy) Amid Genius Loci and Global Trends”, in *Journal of Civil Engineering and Architecture*, no. 5, vol.1, ISSN: 1934-7359. (WoS)
- 14) Esposito De Vita G., Ragozino S., (2014), “Natural Commercial Centres: Regeneration Opportunities and Urban Challenges”, in *Advanced Engineering Forum*, vol. 11, pp 392-401, Trans Tech Publications, Switzerland, ISSN: 2234-991X. doi:10.4028/www.scientific.net/AEF.11.392. (Scopus e WoS)
- 15) Esposito G., Bevilacqua C., Trillo C., (2013), “Improving Conviviality in Public Places: The Case of Naples, Italy”, in *Journal of Civil Engineering and Architecture*, vol. 7, p. 1209-1219, ISSN: 1934-7359. (WoS)

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