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9.30 – 16.30

On Scale

How globalisation reshapes spatial understanding

[Webinar Zoom link](#)



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Image
Technicians at work on the film
set of *Metropolis*, F. Lang,
1927



The traditional concept of scale is increasingly challenged by new trans-scalar spatial logics. It is enough to think of the interconnection between the local environment and the global levels, of new communication and visualization technologies, of earth and space infrastructures, or even of the relationship between the city and urbanization processes, which are much broader than the urban scale.

Interactions between scales are complex: they can create new social and economic landscapes, they can lead to forms of spatial competition, or may ultimately generate forms of “immunity”, of non-relationship.

This raises a number of questions: How do local and the global scales relate (or not) to one another? What are the relationships between scales? How can we develop trans-scalar spatial thinking?

The Symposium will try to address these questions with a transdisciplinary approach.

Program

9.30 – 12.30

Introduction

- **Jonathan Sergison** (USI-ARC/ISUP, Director – Architect)

Moderator

- **Silvia Cipelletti** (USI-ARC/ISUP, Phd student)

Speakers

- **Matteo Vegetti** (USI-ARC, Philosopher)
- **Niccolò Cuppini** (SUPSI-DEASS, Political scientist)
- **Tommaso Morawski** (Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, Philosopher)
- **Alessandra Bonazzi** (Università di Bologna, Geographer)

Respondent

- **Paolo Perulli** (USI-ARC, Urban Sociologist)

14.00 – 16.30

Moderator

- **Zeno Zanderigo** (USI-ARC/ISUP, Phd student)

Speakers

- **Frédéric Bonnet** (USI-ARC/ISUP, Architect-Urbanist)
- **Aglaée Degros** (TU Graz, Architect-Urban Planner)
- **Teresa Figueiredo Marques Pellegrini** (USI-ARC, Landscape architect)
- **Janina Gosseye** (TU Delft, Urban Theorist)

Respondent

- **João Nunes** (USI-ARC/ISUP, Landscape Architect)