

**CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**to 12th International Meeting of Social Geography**  
**University of Verona**  
**(10-11 october 2019)**

**(Deadline: 15 July 2019)**

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Topics of this meeting are the collective spaces and/or the public spaces in relation to formal and informal citizenship practices, as well as to political-institutional actions and economic dynamics. Starting from streets and squares, both in centres and peripheries, urban contexts host a “condensation” of performances and practices that trigger consents, dissents and senses, meaning by these latter both the multiple semantics and the sensory involvement engendered, stimulated and adopted by certain actions and works, such as artistic and musical works and performance art.

Some questions to be answered are:

What are the meanings and values shared today in relation to concepts such as collective, public, community, in the logic of life contexts and of lived spaces?

What kind of processes could better promote the liveability of cities and of their neighborhoods, also seen in the wider context of the regeneration and redevelopment phenomena that occur at different scales and intensity? One should consider, for instance, the reciprocity that might involve the current neighborhood dynamics and the related spaces, either actual or potential.

Which role do the private and the public sectors play today, in terms of spaces and actors, as well as in terms of policies and economies, in the promotion of sustainable and welcoming territories? And what are the spaces then conceivable or achievable?

What are the functions of particular (urban) places today? Let’s think, for instance, about the squares, which have recently regained attention and which need to be considered also from a multidisciplinary perspective in relation to their role in different societies and over time, in morphological, functional and symbolic terms – from Gender Studies to Geocritics, from squares’ names to social movements.

Which might be the most appropriate research methodologies and tools from a geographical point of view to address today's challenge regarding the relationship between communities and spaces? In other words, we might ask ourselves, being aware of the breadth of this question, what vital future can be imagined, considering the persistent uneven balance between global and local forces and between mainstream rationale and alternative rational. The latter feel often too weak compared to the macro institutional and economic actors which have worked and are still working in the neoliberal wave.

This meeting, in line with the previous ones, which have always witnessed the vibrant participation and commitment of geographers in the debates concerning the major – not to say urgent – issues of society, welcomes contributions on the relationship between spaces and communities, focusing on concepts such as public, collective, community, and intends to contribute to the broader debate regarding the conceivable Geographies for our contemporary society.

Beside communications, we accept visual contributions or any format that you may consider effective.

Send your **ABSTRACT**:

- max 2000 characters, spaces included, filling the form available on: [CLICK HERE FOR THE FORM](#).
- **Languages that you can use: Italian, French, English, Spanish (each contribution will have to be presented in two languages: one for the oral presentation and the other for slides or other format)**
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The Scientific Committee will give you the answer - and any instructions - by **31 July 2019**.

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***No fee is required for the meeting  
Publication of the Proceedings is foreseen***

**We are looking forward to seeing you in Verona!**

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