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SUMMER SCHOOL

Community empowerment through participatory research

Sustainable urban environment coping with climate change

Brescia (Italy), 11 – 22 July 2022

Rationale

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) put sustainability at the core of the global policy agenda. Research is called to give a relevant contribution by new knowledge production and mobilization. Recent global crises like the Covid19 pandemic and climate change clearly show that science mobilization alone does not suffice to effectively address the emerging societal, economic, and environmental challenges. These global crises affect all aspects of our life, and they particularly hit hard on the most vulnerable sectors of society. Coping with this global challenge therefore requires the largest possible interdisciplinary actionable knowledge mobilization. This is in line with the deep changes in science and innovation and their interactions with society and the economy which call for extended co-operation among different forms of knowledge to enhance collective learning drive action for change.

Co-operation for knowledge co-creation and sharing to drive change are guiding principles of participatory research: a key pillar of the European research policy agenda on Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) and Open Science which are aimed at enhancing and strengthening relationships between research, innovation and society. Building on interim evaluation of Horizon 2020, the independent High Level Group on maximising the impact of EU Research and Innovation Programmes called for “fully mobilizing and involving stakeholders, end-users and citizens” in the research process to maximise Europe's capacity to respond to pressing societal challenges.

Building effective co-operation between science, innovation and society requires specific competences and capacities which are at the core of a participatory research approach. The Summer School on Community empowerment through participatory research will introduce students and young scholars to such an approach by involving participants in a collaborative learning experience which will alternate individual study with in-person lectures and workshops, practical field work, and on-line conversations.



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General information

The Summer School on Community empowerment through participatory research is part of the [Knowledge for Change \(K4C\)](#) programme which aims at training the next generation of Community Based Researchers in the Global South and Excluded North. It was set up in 2017 by the [Unesco Chair on participatory research and social responsibility of Higher Education](#).

Italy hosts two K4C training hubs. Respectively located at the University of Brescia and at the University of Sassari, the [Watshop](#) and the [FOIST Laboratory for social policies and formative processes](#) are the co-organisers of the Summer School.

The Summer School will take place in Brescia (Italy) from the 11th till the 20th of July 2022 and is aimed at a mixed audience made of MA and PhD students, as well as practitioners from Civil Society Organizations, Social Enterprises, Municipalities and other Administrations.

Programme overview

The Summer School is structured in four distinct yet interconnected learning slots:

- July 1st-10th: Preparatory work (reading to be circulated)
- July 11th-13th: Official opening, face-to-face learning, workshops, introduction to fieldwork
- July 14th-20th: Fieldwork: community based research design
- July 21st-22nd: On-line revisions of fieldwork and closing sessions

Venues and working language

Face to face sessions: University of Brescia (Via Branze 43, Brescia) and Ambiente Parco (Largo Torrelunga 7, Brescia)

On-line sessions: Microsoft Teams

The Summer School is open to students coming from different backgrounds and different countries. **English will be the main working language.**



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Costs

Participation in the Summer School is **free of charge**. No participation fee will therefore be asked to participants.

Participants will have to provide for own costs for transportation, stay and meals. Information about special conditions that might apply to participants for hotels or meals will be provided upon confirmation of registration.

Teaching team



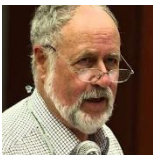
Darlene Clover is a professor of adult education and leadership studies at the University of Victoria, Canada. Her areas of teaching and research include feminist, arts-based and environmental adult education; arts-based research; and museums, with a focus on adult education and exhibitions.



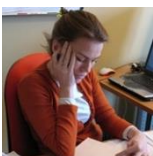
Giovanna Grossi is an associate professor in Hydraulic structures at the University of Brescia, Italy. She is the coordinator of the Brescia K4C Hub and of WatShop, a science shop focusing on the sustainable management, control and consumption of water resources in a changing climate.



Cristina Guerra is an electric engineer with a PhD in Transport engineering. She is one of the founding members of Ambiente Parco, a social enterprise managing a Science Center on sustainability located in a green area in Brescia. She is the CSO supervisor of the Brescia K4C Hub.



Budd Hall is professor emeritus from University of Victoria in Canada and co-chair with Rajesh Tandon of the UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility of Higher Education. He has 50 years' experience in participatory research.



Michèle Pezzagno is an associate professor in Town and regional planning at the University of Brescia, Italy. Director of the University of Brescia research and documentation centre on Agenda 2030 (CRA2030). University supervisor of the Brescia K4C Hub.



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Rajesh Tandon is Founder-President of PRIA, a global research & training Centre on Participatory Research, head office New Delhi, India. He is UNESCO Co-Chair on Community-based Research & Social Responsibility of Higher Education. An electronics engineer, MBA & PhD in Organisational & Management Science. Dr Tandon has published extensively.



Andrea Vargiu is associate professor of Sociology at the University of Sassari (Italy) and President of the MA Course in Social work and Social policies. He coordinates the Foist Laboratory for Social Policies and Training Processes. Andrea has a solid record in action research, CBR, Responsible Research and Innovation and evaluation research.

Detailed programme

DAY&TIME	PROGRAMME	ACTIVITY	WHERE
Preliminary work	<i>Expression of interest (supporting group building)</i>	Readings	home
11 th July 2022, 10:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00	<p><i>Introduction to participatory research</i></p> <p>Lectures by Budd Hall, Rajesh Tandon, Andrea Vargiu, Giovanna Grossi</p>	<p>10:00-10:45 Introductory activity (gaming)</p> <p><u>10:45-11:15 Coffee Break</u></p> <p>11:15-13 Budd Hall, Knowledge Democracy and the Challenge for Researchers in Higher Education</p> <p><u>13-14 Lunch at University of Brescia</u></p> <p>14:00-15:30 Rajesh Tandon, Story telling about CBPR</p> <p>Q&A (Budd Hall & Rajesh Tandon)</p> <p><u>15:30-16:00 Coffee Break</u></p> <p>16:00-18:00 Interactive session (what are the drivers of your research? what do you expect? why are you here?)</p> <p>Andrea Vargiu + Giovanna Grossi, <i>The Knowledge for Change Global Consortium on Community-Based Participatory Research</i></p>	University of Brescia
12 th July 2022, 10:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00	<i>Introduction to participatory</i>	10:00-11:15 Andrea Vargiu, CBPR methodology	University of Brescia



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	<p><i>research for Sustainability (SDGs)</i></p> <p>Lectures by Andrea Vargiu, Michèle Pezzagno, Cristina Guerra and Darlene Clover</p> <p>Visit to Ambiente Parco in the afternoon</p>	<p><u>11:15-11:45 Coffee Break</u></p> <p>11:45-13:00 Michèle Pezzagno, CRA2030 – a university research centre on the agenda 2030</p> <p><u>13:00-14:00 Transfer to Ambiente Parco, lunch at Ambiente Parco</u></p> <p>14:30-15:30 Cristina Guerra, A sense of place</p> <p><u>15:30 – 15:45 Break</u></p> <p>15:45-16:30 Darlene Clover, Art-based research</p> <p>16:30-18:00 Darlene Clover & Cristina Guerra, Practicing arts-based research</p>	<p>in the morning</p> <p>Ambiente Parco in the afternoon</p>
<p>13th July 2022, 9:00-14:00</p>	<p><i>The CBPR experience</i></p> <p><i>Introduction to suggested exercise on participatory research, tutor assignment</i></p> <p>Lectures by Cristina Guerra, Darlene Clover, Andrea Vargiu and Giovanna Grossi</p>	<p>9:00-10:30 Cristina Guerra & Darlene Clover, Group project sharing</p> <p><u>10:30-11:00 Coffee Break</u></p> <p>11:00-13:00 Andrea Vargiu & Giovanna Grossi, Introduction to the homework and exercise (work out your research question)</p> <p>Gaming session</p> <p><u>13:00-14:00 Social lunch</u></p>	<p>Ambiente Parco</p>
<p>14th to 20th July 2022</p>	<p>Homework time through practical field work (Tutors will be available for Q&A for the whole time)</p>		
<p>21st July 2022, 9:00-18:00</p>	<p>Exercises follow-up with tutors</p>	<p>Presentation of each group to the tutors</p> <p>9:00-10:30 1st group work presentation</p> <p><u>10:30 – 11:00 break</u></p> <p>11:00- 12:30 2nd group work presentation</p> <p><u>12:30 -14:00 lunch break</u></p> <p>14:00 – 15:30 3rd group work presentation</p>	<p>online</p>



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		<p><u>15:30 – 16 break</u> 16:00-18:00 Q&A session and further interaction on CBPR</p>	
<p>22nd July 2022, 9:00-17:00</p>	<p>Follow up with K4C consortium Summer school wrap-up and final discussion</p>	<p>Practice exchange with the K4C consortium 9:00-10:00 Introduction of K4C members 10:00-10:30 Presentation of group 1 & discussion 10:30-11:00 Presentation of group 2 & discussion <u>11:00-11:30 Break</u> 11:30-12:00 Presentation of group 3 & discussion 12:00-13:00 The teaching staff - Summer School wrap up and final discussion</p>	<p>online</p>

Organizing Committee

Giovanna Grossi, Michèle Pezzagno, Francesca Barisani (University of Brescia, K4C Brescia Hub); Cristina Guerra (Ambiente Parco, K4C Brescia Hub); Andrea Vargiu (University of Sassari, K4C Sassari Hub)

Registration

Registration is open to MA and PhD students, as well as practitioners from Civil Society Organizations, Social Enterprises, Municipalities, and other Administrations.

[Click here to register](#)

Registered individuals will be asked to confirm their participation.