

## URD\_6

### Title of the doctoral program

Urban and regional development

### Title of the research activity

Urban and Regional Studies

### Short description of the research activity

Researchers working in this group are members of the EU-POLIS research centre and are interested in analysing changes related to the current crisis, and transformation in general, in cities. Specific attention is paid to emerging theoretical frameworks, actions and policies implemented to face such changes.

Relevant research topics within EU-POLIS are: citizenship practices, food and agricultural policies, ICTs, security, local development. A focus is also on the interpretative-theoretical experimentation in the field of urban studies, with reference to the evolution of the international debate (e.g. practice turn, non-representational theory, ethnographic approaches, etc.) and to fieldwork in Europe and beyond.

In collaboration with the “EU Territorial Governance and Spatial Planning Systems” group, besides, the group contributes to the debate on territorial governance process in Europe and on Community and national urban policies. Members of this group are also taking part to researches of “The cultural and social economy of post-recession Turin in a comparative perspective” group, which has a more specific focus on the city of Turin.

Among the research projects in which the research group was involved these years:

- Oltre la crisi: smart city e cittadinanza post-politica (on-going research project)
- Smart Torino: opportunità e rischi del paradigma della città intelligente ([http://areeweb.polito.it/ricerca/eupolis/Smart\\_Torino.html](http://areeweb.polito.it/ricerca/eupolis/Smart_Torino.html))
- ESPON SMART-IST – Smart institution for Territorial Development ([http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_TargetedAnalyses/smart-ist.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/smart-ist.html))

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### Number of vacancies for XXXI cycle (3 years program)

2

### Specific requirements (experiences, skills)

Interested researchers should be familiar with a social science research approach (i.e. human geography, economic geography, sociology, anthropology, political science, STS) and urban and regional issues.

### Website of the research group (if any)

[http://areeweb.polito.it/ricerca/eupolis/index\\_en.html](http://areeweb.polito.it/ricerca/eupolis/index_en.html)