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International conference
and research workshop
on architectural atmospheres

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13⁰⁰–14⁰⁰

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14³⁰–15¹⁵

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15¹⁵–17¹⁵

17¹⁵–18⁰⁰

18⁰⁰–19⁰⁰

19⁰⁰–19¹⁵

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Arrival and registration

Welcome and introduction

Adriano Magliocco
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Laura Avanzino
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Keynote lecture: Exploring atmospheres

Elisabetta Canepa, University of Genoa
Riccardo Rapparini, University of Genoa
In Limen: Aura and Affective Space

Panel: Imaging atmospheres

Viktorija Bogdanova, Aalto University
Mythical Drawing: Uses of a Gnostic Pilgrimage
Gaia Leandri, University of Genoa
Visualising the Invisible:
Perceiving and Representing Urban Atmospheres
Ana Mombiedro, Technical University of Madrid, University of Alicante
Sensory Cartographies: Drawing Architectural Atmospheres through the Body

Architectural flânerie

Keynote lecture: Framing atmospheres

Alberto Pérez-Gómez, McGill University
Architectural Atmospheres: A Historical Perspective

Discussion and questions

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 $9^{00}-10^{15}$

Workshop: Atmospheric storytelling
Viktorija Bogdanova, Aalto University
Narrating in Section: Spoken Mapping of a Thin City

 $10^{15} - 11^{30}$

Workshop: Atmospheric photography
Zoe Noceto, photographer, Genoa
Another Way of Telling:
Boxes for Transporting Appearances

$$11^{30} - 12^{30}$$

Keynote lecture: Experimenting with atmospheres
Zakaria Djebbara, Aalborg University, TU Berlin
Embodied Experiences of Atmosphere:
Insensible Perception

 $12^{30}-13^{00}$

Research spotlight
Martina Putzolu, University of Genoa
Atmospheric Perception:
A Neurophysiological Approach

13⁰⁰–14³⁰

Lunch break
cloister and garden

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$$14^{30} - 16^{30}$$

Panel: Designing atmospheres
Marcello Bondavalli, Nicola Brenna, Studio Wok, Milan
Habitat
Camilla de Camilli, Università della Svizzera italiana
Tuning by Ear
Amanzio Farris, Politecnico di Milano
Grasping the Changing Atmosphere.
Design Explorations across Open and Enclosed Spaces

$$16^{30} - 17^{30}$$

Keynote lecture: Questioning atmospheres
Sarah Robinson, Aalborg University
A Resonant Model of Atmospheres

 $17^{30}-18^{00}$

Discussion, questions, and next steps

 $18^{00}-19^{00}$

Walking lecture
Ayla Schiappacasse, Florida International University
Study Abroad Program in Genoa
The Sphere and the Labyrinth

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Co-design and co-creation activities

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