

Beyond Community – Hybrid Practices of Mapping and Participation investigates mapping as a relational and epistemic practice, capable of producing knowledge, shaping territorial imaginaries, and supporting governance processes. By questioning essentialist notions of “community,” the conference explores hybrid cartographic practices that emerge at the intersection of grassroots initiatives, institutional action, technological mediation, and artistic experimentation.

The map is conceived as a device capable of activating forms of agency, fostering social innovation, and reconfiguring the relationships between people, places, and power. Through keynote lectures, thematic sessions, and field-based activities, the event offers a critical space to analyse how — and to what extent — participatory cartographies contribute to the construction of shared futures, the negotiation of territorial meanings, and the redefinition of spatial justice.

The initiative is organised within the framework of PNRR CHANGES – Cultural Heritage Active Innovation for Sustainable Society (Spoke 9, Cultural Resources for Sustainable Tourism), a national research project dedicated to the co-creation of knowledge, tools, and practices for sustainable territorial development. It is also part of the research activities of PRIN MIND – Mountains Inside the Mountains.

The conference brings together scholars, practitioners, and artists from diverse disciplinary and geographical contexts to critically examine the ways in which mapping practices enable new forms of participation, narrate complex spatialities, and support processes of social and territorial transformation. It aims to offer a platform for dialogue and experimentation, fostering intersections between theory and practice, academic research and grassroots knowledge, and between the material and symbolic dimensions of contemporary spatial production.

The Scientific Committee is composed of Federica Burini (University of Bergamo), Viviana Ferrario (IUAV University of Venice), Paolo Gruppuso (Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, LMU Munich), Monica Meini (University of Molise), Marco Petrella (University of Molise, coordinator) and Francesco Visentin (University of Udine).

The Organising Committee includes Marinangela Bellomo, Chiara Brunale, Diana Ciliberti (coordinator), Giada Mastrostefano and Giovanna Sebastianelli, all from the University of Molise.

INFO

Conference Venue: Palazzo San Francesco - Via Beato Antonio Lucci - Agnone

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A coffee station will be available throughout the event

Social Dinner 24 October 20:00: **Restaurant Osteria mia** - Via Gualterio 73 - Agnone



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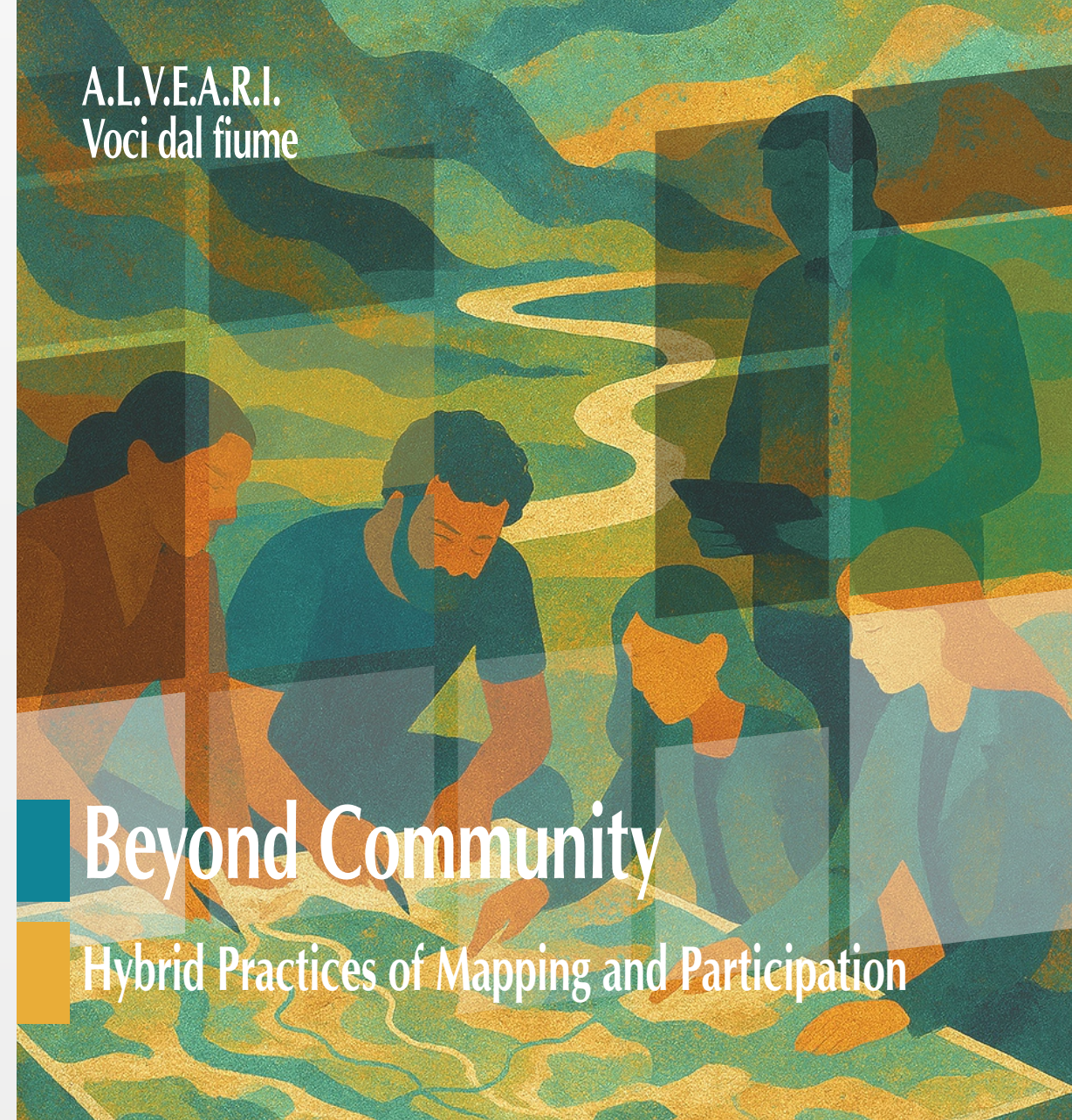


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Palazzo San Francesco – Unimol Point



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

9:00 Institutional opening - Institutional greetings and introduction to the works
Daniele Saia – *President of the Province of Isernia and Mayor of Agnone*
Giuseppe Peter Vanoli – *Rector, University of Molise*
Gabiella Stefania Scippa – *Director, Department of Biosciences and Territory, University of Molise*
Marco Petrella – *Scientific Coordinator, MapplnTur Project (PNRR CHANGES – Spoke 9)*

9:45 Keynote: Rob Kitchin (*Maynooth University, Ireland*) – “**Making sense of spatial media**”

10:15-13:00 | **Session 1 – Ecologies of Mapping** – Chair: Marco Petrella (*University of Molise, Italy*)

10:15 Nancy Odendaal (*African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town, and University of Basel*)
Being there: Surfacing the unseen, through embodiment practices, sonic engagement and counter-mapping

10:30 Simone Ranocchiari (*University of Bergamo*)
Beyond Postcards: Rethinking Community Maps in a Contemporary Alpine Valley

10:45 David Njenga Muiruri (*KU Leuven*)
In Search of Embedded Cartographic Ontologies; the case of Kisiwani Island, Kilifi County, Kenya

11:00 Rita Mancini (*Ca’ Foscari University of Venice*)
Tracing Vanishing Worlds: Pastoral Knowledge and Multispecies Geographies in the Himalaya

Break

11:30 Cristina Capineri, Venere Stefania Sanna, Gozde Yildiz (*University of Siena*)
Walking data, mapping invisibility: toward humanistic and participatory geographies

11:45 Joshua Z. Merced (*Northern Arizona University*)
Building Community Through Sustainable Farmers Market Practices

12:00 Mhlalisi Gavu Mndzebele, Trynos Gumbo, George Onatu (*University of Johannesburg*)
Walking the Invisible: Narrative Cartographies of Everyday Life in Johannesburg

12:15 Eliott Ducharme (*Université Gustave Eiffel*) – **Exploring walkability and neighborhood construction through participatory mapping: insights from an urban margin of Mexico City**

12:30-13:00 | Discussion and session closing

13:00-14:30 | Lunch break

14:30 Keynote: Federica Burini (*University of Bergamo*) – “**Mapping Community Intelligence for a renovate Geo-Care**”

15:00-18:15 | **Session 2 – Territories, Communities and Forms of Governance** – Chair: Monica Meini (*University of Molise*)

15:00 Roberta Agnifili (*PhD student – University of L’Aquila*) – **Out of Topography: The Other Side of the Mountain**

15:15 Eleonora Guadagno (*eCampus University*) – **Urban paths and traces: The case of Sri Lankan communities in Naples**

15:30 Maria Laura Bayá Peñaloza (*Independent Researcher*), Anna Brusarosco (*University of Udine, University of Padua*)
When the River Claims Justice: Participatory Mapping on the construction of restoration and reparation rights of the Dulcepamba river case in Ecuador

15:45 Ana Gabriela da Cruz Fontoura (*University of Padua and Ca' Foscari Venice*)
Mapping Community-Based Tourism Attractions in Brazil: Territorial Knowledge and Collective Agency

Break

16:15 Luca Battisti (*University of Turin*)
From Participatory Mapping of Vulnerable Sites to Participatory Planning of Nature-based Solutions: Experiences from KIJANI Pemba and Hanbury’s Blue&Green Projects

16:30 Gianpiero Petraroli (*University of Naples L’Orientale*)
Wine, places, and people: rethinking Campania’s wine tourism through the community-territory relationship

16:45 Giulia Ferrante (*Gran Sasso Science Institute*)
Researching the mountains: the co-construction of an epistemological lens through methodological pluralism

17:00 Evans Jeremy Anbleyth (*University of Aberdeen*)
Ontological democracy and decolonising marine indigenous management in Japan

17:15-17:45 | Discussion and session closing

18:00-19:30 | Visit of Agnone

20:00 | Social dinner

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

9:00 Keynote: Paolo Gruppuso (*Rachel Carson Center*) – “**Deep Mapping. A conversation and not a statement**”

9:30-12:30 | **Session 3 – Practices, Crossings, Narratives** – Chair: Monica Meini (*University of Molise, Italy*)

9:30 Tobias Boos (*Free University of Bozen-Bolzano*), Daniele Ietri (*Free University of Bozen-Bolzano*), Eleonora Mastropietro (*University of Milan*)
“Studi sul Qui”: Deep Mapping in non metropolitan contexts

9:45 Lena Châteaux (*Gran Sasso Science Institute*)
Mapping the neighborhood: women-led alternative spaces of socio–economic existence in Louga, Senegal

10:00 Anna West (*Haverford College*) – **Recall Mapping: Inhabitation, Calculation, and Belonging in Urban Public Space**

10:15 Vanessa Deotto and Marta Pascolini (*Isoipse / University of Udine*) – **DSTM cultural mapping Break**

10:45 Claudio Sossio De Simone (*Institute of Heritage Science – Italian National Research Council*)
Territorial identity as a strategic resource for the knowledge of waterscapes between past and present, some case studies in the middle Fortore valley

11:00 Giovanni Gugg (*University of Naples “Federico II”*), Giulia Messere (*University of Macerata*), Giorgia Manfredonia (*University of Naples L’Orientale*), Noemi Marchetti (*Polytechnic University of Marche*)
Perceiving and Narrating Environmental Risk: a multi-approach within the CITIES Project (Case Studies of Bacoli and Macerata, Italy)

11:15 Revue Artists Collective & Khirkee Collective (*New Delhi, India*) – **Walking the Streets, Undoing Map**

11:30 Annalisa Spalazzi (*Gran Sasso Science Institute*)
Mapping invisible territories: collective properties and territorial policies in the Central Apennines

11:45 Ugo Rossi, Sara Troiani (*Gran Sasso Science Institute*)
The city as we knew it: Pre-disaster memories of L’Aquila’s historic centre before the 2009 earthquake

12:00-12:30 | Discussion and session closing

12:30-12:45 | **POSTER SESSION**
Jesús Yesquén Bances (*Procomunidad Institute of City Science*) – **Mapping Faith: A New Paradigm of Deep Mapping and Community Participation for the Paths of Pope Leo XIV in Chiclayo (Peru);**
Khendlo Japhet (*Mzuzu University*) – **Counter-Mapping a Moving Thalweg: River Channel Migration, Local Knowledge, and Spatial Justice along the Malawi-Tanzania Boundary;**
Awa Gueye, Diatou Thiaw (*Cheikh Anta DIOP University in Dakar*) – **Mapping the drying up and uses of Lake Tanma: between environmental dynamics and community narratives in the Niayes**

12:45-13:30 | Conclusions – Mapping beyond the community

13:30-14:30 | Lunch break

15:00-17:30 | **Fieldwork – “Maps from the River” – Field laboratory along the Verrino River**
Organized by the MapplnTur project (University of Molise – DiBT Department, PNRR CHANGES Spoke 9)

19:00 | Closing aperitif