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INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2026

Territory and Sustainability

Addressing Global Challenges through Interdisciplinary Perspectives

12–15 November 2026



REFLECT · COLLABORATE · ACT

Reflect on today's global challenges. **Collaborate** across disciplines, institutions and cultures. **Act** through education, research and international cooperation.

Università Telematica "Giustino Fortunato" · Benevento, Italy

About the International Week

Global challenges such as climate change, demographic change, migration, technological innovation, inequality, mobility and sustainable development are reshaping territories across the world. Responding to these complex challenges requires interdisciplinary dialogue, international cooperation and innovative approaches that connect research, education and professional practice.

The International Week brings together academics, researchers, professionals and practitioners from different countries and disciplinary backgrounds to explore how their fields can contribute to building more sustainable, inclusive and resilient territories.

Designed as a **hybrid and interactive academic experience**, the International Week brings together participants through dialogue, reflection and networking, fostering new collaborations and future international initiatives.

The event welcomes contributions from **all academic disciplines and professional fields**. Participants are invited to share their perspectives, experiences and research around a common guiding question:

"What is the biggest global challenge your discipline can help address through research, education or professional practice?"

The thematic sessions presented below are intended only as examples of possible areas of discussion and do not limit the scope of contributions.

Format

The International Week will be organized in a hybrid format. Participants may attend:

- On-site at Università Telematica "Giustino Fortunato";
- Online through live streaming.

The Organizing Committee strongly encourages in-person participation to foster networking, intercultural exchange and future collaborations. However, online participation is welcomed to ensure wider international accessibility. Speakers may choose to deliver their presentations either on campus or remotely.

The Networking and Cultural Experience scheduled for Saturday is reserved for participants attending the event in person.

Committees

Scientific Committee: Prof. Federico de Andreis, Prof.ssa Fulvia Staiano, Prof.ssa Ida D'Ambrosio, Prof.ssa Katia La Regina, Prof. Alessio Guasco, Prof. Paolo Palumbo, Prof.ssa Elvira Martini, Prof.ssa Valentina Sgro, Prof.ssa Flora Cortese, Prof. Matteo Cutugno, Prof.ssa Daniela La Foresta.

Organizing Committee: D.ssa Lorenza Ruggiero, D.ssa Giuseppina Nardone, D.ssa Erica Lese, D.ssa Enza Paola Catalano, D.ssa Ilaria Bruner, D.ssa Federica Sandy Curcio.

Promoted by the Commissione Erasmus e Attività Internazionali.

Information and Registration

For information and registration: **international@unifortunato.eu**

Programme

THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER · ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

During the day · Arrival of participants

19:30 · Networking Aperitivo
La Spritzeria, Via Umberto I, 8, Benevento – optional; not covered by the University
Map: maps.app.goo.gl/UJZhKrXFSF2YrajU7

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER · REFLECTION · COLLABORATION · ACTION

Time	Session
08:30 – 09:00	**Registration** **Università "Giustino Fortunato"**, Via R. Delcogliano 12, Benevento Map: maps.app.goo.gl/ffdXTfQ5ayHvwDYg8
09:00 – 09:30	**Institutional Welcome** Institutional greetings by Prof. Giuseppe Acocella, Rector; Prof. Federico de Andreis, Delegate for International Education; Prof.ssa Katia La Regina, Delegate for Teaching; and Prof.ssa Fulvia Staiano, Delegate for Erasmus and International Activities.
09:30 – 10:15	**Opening Keynote** "Territory and Sustainability: Addressing Global Challenges" – Dr. Pasquale Lampugnale, CEO of Sidersan S.p.A. and Member of the Technical and Scientific Committee of the Parliamentary Intergroup for the Development of Southern Italy, Fragile Areas and Minor Islands.

The different sessions are conceived as think tank–style discussions, providing an opportunity for participants to exchange perspectives, reflect together, and contribute to a shared discussion on the proposed topics.

Time	Session
10:15 – 11:15	**Forum — Global Challenges for Territories** *In collaboration with: Department of Political Sciences – University of Naples Federico II* **Host/Chair:** Prof. Federico de Andreis and D.ssa Ilaria Bruner ***Guiding question:*** *How can your discipline contribute to addressing today's major global challenges through research, education, and professional practice?* This forum examines how territories are being reshaped by environmental, economic, and social transformations, and explores how interdisciplinary perspectives can contribute to more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive models of territorial development. Particular attention will be devoted to the relationship between people, places, resources, and institutions, fostering dialogue across different disciplinary fields and encouraging the exchange of research perspectives, practices, and approaches to contemporary territorial challenges. ***Indicative themes include:*** geography; physical and human geography; climate change and environmental sustainability; territorial and regional development; spatial planning; territorial capital; landscape studies; rural and urban development; cultural and natural heritage; and sustainable tourism.
11:15 – 11:30	**Coffee Break**
11:30 – 12:30	**Forum — Global Challenges for People, Education and Communities** **Host/Chair:** Prof.ssa Elvira Martini and Prof.ssa Fulvia Staiano ***Guiding question:*** *How can education, inclusion and human development contribute to building sustainable communities?* This forum focuses on the human dimension of sustainability, emphasizing education, well-being, inclusion and community development as key drivers of territorial resilience. ***Indicative themes include:*** education; educational sciences; education for sustainable development; physical education and sport; lifelong learning; digital education; health promotion; human development; diversity and inclusion; community engagement; and citizenship education.
12:30 – 13:45	**Networking Lunch at Università "Giustino Fortunato" — offered by the Organizing Committee**
13:30 – 14:15	**Keynote Conversation** "Shaping the Future of International Learning" Prof. Michael J. Pisani – Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant (US)
14:15 – 15:15	**Forum — Global Challenges for Governance, Mobility and Innovation** **Host/Chair:** Prof. Matteo Cutugno and Prof. Alessio Guasco ***Guiding question:*** *How can governance, mobility and innovation support sustainable territories?* This forum explores the role of institutions, public policies, transport systems and innovation in shaping resilient and competitive territories. ***Indicative themes include:*** law; governance; political science; public policies; sustainable mobility; transport; navigation; aviation; logistics; accessibility; artificial intelligence; entrepreneurship; digital transformation; and smart territories.

Time	Session
15:15 – 15:30	**Coffee Break**
15:30 – 16:30	**Forum — Global Challenges for Digital Territories**  *In collaboration with: TEDI Observatory – Digital Territories* **Host/Chair:** D.ssa Ilaria Bruner and D.ssa Federica Sandy Curcio ***Guiding question:*** *How are digital technologies transforming territories and contributing to sustainable development?* Held in collaboration with the TEDI Observatory – Digital Territories, this hybrid forum explores the impact of digital transformation on territories, institutions and communities, welcoming both on-site and remote speakers. ***Indicative themes include:*** digital territories; artificial intelligence; digital transformation; smart cities; smart communities; digital infrastructure; digital inclusion; digital citizenship; e-government; territorial intelligence; big data; innovation ecosystems; cybersecurity; and digital sustainability.
16:30 – 18:30	**International Round Table and Research Networking Forum — Building Sustainable Territories Together** *"Which Global Challenges Should Universities Address Together?"* **Moderators:** Prof. Federico de Andreis and Prof.ssa Ida D'Ambrosio Following the four thematic forums, all speakers will come together for an open interdisciplinary dialogue aimed at identifying shared priorities for research, education, and international cooperation. Conceived as an interactive round table and networking forum, the session will provide participants with an opportunity to exchange research ideas, identify common interests, and explore possibilities for future collaboration. Rather than focusing on formal paper presentations, the discussion will encourage dialogue, knowledge exchange, and the co-creation of joint initiatives among universities, researchers, and institutions. The event will conclude with a shared reflection on future opportunities for international cooperation and the development of collaborative research and educational projects.
18:45	**Closing Ceremony** Closing remarks · Certificates of Participation · Group Photo.
20:30	**Gala Dinner — offered by the Organizing Committee** **Gino & Pina**, Viale dell'Università, 2, 82100 Benevento Map: maps.app.goo.gl/M1AErCxZAgzE1c6R9 A festive evening event bringing together speakers, participants and guests to close the academic day in a convivial, international setting — an occasion to continue the day's conversations, celebrate new collaborations and enjoy the hospitality of the host territory.

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER · NETWORKING AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

10:00 – 13:00 · Walking tour of Benevento — offered by the Organizing Committee
Meeting point: Rocca dei Rettori, Piazza Castello, Benevento
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Participants attending the International Week in person will take part in a cultural visit designed to discover the historical, cultural and environmental heritage of the host territory. The experience aims to promote intercultural dialogue, strengthen academic relationships and encourage the development of future international collaborations in an informal setting.

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Departure day

Indicative Topics

The International Week welcomes contributions from **all disciplines**. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Geography and Territorial Development
- Sustainability and Climate Change
- Environmental Studies
- Law and Governance
- Political Science
- Public Policies
- Mobility, Transport and Navigation
- Education
- Educational Sciences
- Physical Education and Sport
- Health and Well-being
- Human Development
- Social Inclusion
- Diversity and Equity
- Artificial Intelligence
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Digital Transformation
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Cultural Heritage
- Tourism
- International Cooperation

Expected Outcomes

The International Week aims to:

- strengthen international academic cooperation;
- promote interdisciplinary dialogue on contemporary global challenges;
- encourage innovative approaches to teaching, research and professional practice;
- foster future Erasmus+ and international collaborations;
- expand academic and professional networks;
- stimulate joint research projects and educational initiatives;
- reinforce the role of universities in supporting sustainable and inclusive territorial development.