

WINTER SCHOOL

Towards a Socio-Economic, Cultural, and Ecological Transition: A Dynamic Performance Governance Approach for Localizing Sustainable Development Goals

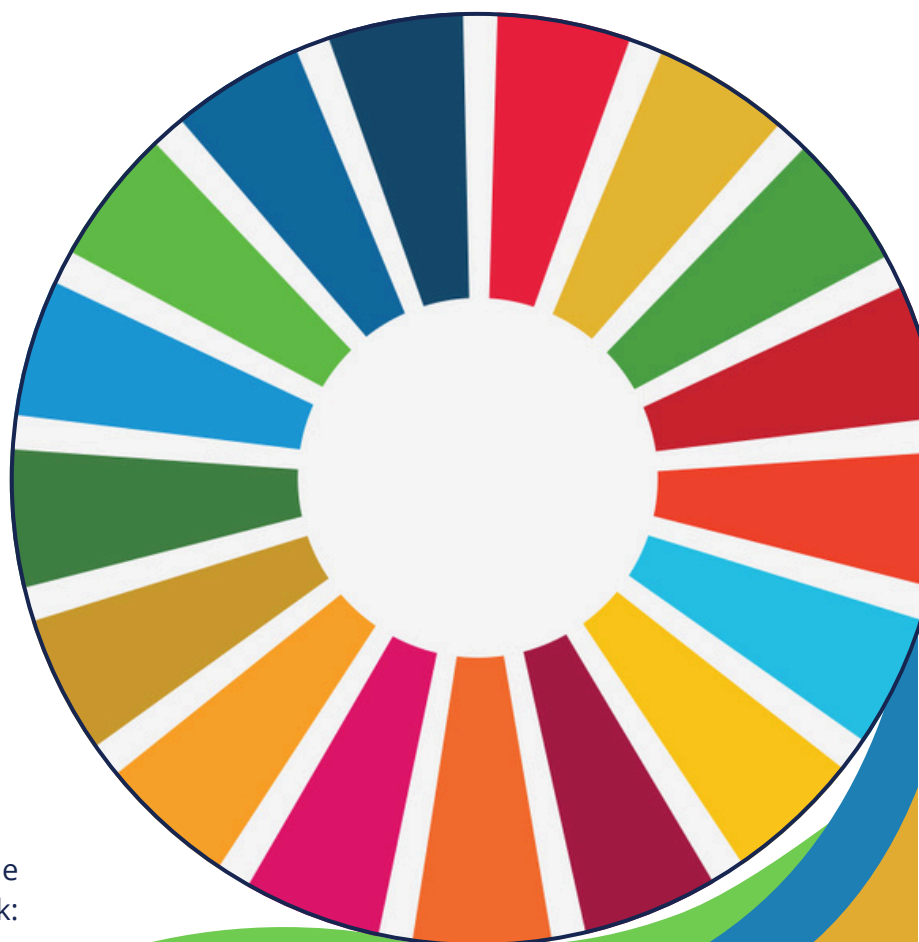
October 8th-11th, 2024



**Università
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Centro di Sostenibilità
e Transizione Ecologica



Students interested in participating online in the Winter School can join using the following link:
<https://ubalt.zoom.us/j/99760778347>

Winter School description

Overview

The Winter School is a collaborative initiative carried out by the University of Palermo (UNIPA) and the University of Baltimore (UBalt) and the result of a project co-funded by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR), on "Towards a Socio-Economic, Cultural, and Ecological Transition: A Dynamic Performance Governance Approach for Localizing Sustainable Development Goals" (*Verso una transizione socio-economica, culturale ed ecologica: un approccio di Dynamic Performance Governance per la localizzazione degli Obiettivi di Sviluppo Sostenibile*).

Students will be provided with an in-depth understanding of the localization of sustainable development goals (SDGs). To this end, students will gain knowledge and skills for fostering balanced long-term sustainability and resilience. A specific focus will be provided by efforts aimed at framing and comparing urban contexts like Palermo and Baltimore, characterized by unique socio-economic, cultural, and ecological profiles.

Objectives

By using a Dynamic Performance Governance approach, through an interdisciplinary view, students will analyze case studies to frame and localize the interconnections among the SDGs. The Winter School will also emphasize the "One Health" perspective, highlighting the interdependence of human and ecosystem health and promoting a collaborative approach to addressing global health risks.

Key Topics

The Winter School will cover strategies for shifting towards sustainable economic practices, the role of cultural changes in achieving sustainable development, and methods to enhance ecological resilience and sustainability. The program will delve into policy domains such as holistic integrated healthcare, and biodiversity conservation among other socio-economic and cultural areas.

Expected Outcomes

Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of SDG localization. They will develop practical skills in comparing and assessing urban contexts to gain insights on how to design and implement place-based sustainable collaborative policies that may address cultural transition to meet socio-economic and ecological goals.

The Winter School also aims to prepare students to contribute effectively to the global sustainability agenda through innovative and interdisciplinary approaches.

October 8th, 2024

2:00 – 6:00 PM - Student meeting & Cultural tour

October 9th, 2024

9:00 – 9:45 AM - Welcome reception

Kurt Schmoke, President of the University of Baltimore

Ralph Mueller, Provost of the University of Baltimore

Roger Hartley, Dean of the School of Public Affairs - University of Baltimore

9:45 – 10:15 AM - Introduction to SDG localization: A systems approach

Noemi Grippi (University of Palermo)

10:15 – 11:00 AM - Continuous Quality Improvement: A Strategy for Success

Tina Di Franco (University of Baltimore)

11:00 – 11:45 AM - Operationalization of Continuous Quality Improvement Theory

Nathan Barboe, Senior VP of Operations for MedStar Health

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM - Emergency preparedness and management

Evangeline Rachel Hall Franklin (MD MPH)

12:30 – 1.00 PM - Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 PM - Development, implementation, and impact of Mobile Crisis Unit (Baltimore City)

Gabriela Wasileski (University of Baltimore)

1:30 – 2:00 PM - One Health: a functioning ecosystem-based life of health. Role of technological scientific research

Maria Giovanna Parisi (University of Palermo)

October 10th, 2024

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM - Tour through the waste water treatment plant - the Bureau of Utilities, the Department of Public Works

For University of Palermo students and University of Baltimore students (if space allows)

- **The Agricultural Land Preservation Program**

J.P. Smith, the Agricultural Land Preservation Program Manager

- **The County's water quality monitoring program**

Byron Madigan, Water Resource Supervisor

1:30 – 2:15 PM - Collaborative platforms for policy analysis to trigger 'place-based' transition towards sustainable, outcome-oriented, and holistic community value creation

Carmine Bianchi (University of Palermo)

October 11th, 2024

9:30 – 10:15 AM - The role of the Regional Administration of Sicily in the National Plan for Health Equity

Alberto Firenze (University of Palermo)

10:15 – 10:45 AM - Sustainability and Mental Health

Laura Ferraro (University of Palermo)

11:15 AM – 2:00 PM - Visit to the Hopkins Bayview

For University of Palermo students and University of Baltimore students (if space allows)

2:45 – 3:15 PM Group - Discussion & Conclusion

Noemi Grippi (University of Palermo), Francesco Gennusa (University of Palermo)



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Additional Information for the Winter School

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The link will be valid for all three days. Online access is provided for the in-class sessions.

Access to the field visits will be guaranteed for students of the University of Palermo joining the Winter School on site and for University of Baltimore students (if space allows).