



**ACADEMIC YEAR
2026-2027**

**MASTER'S DEGREE IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
KICK-OFF SEMINAR**

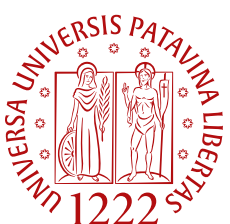
**22 - 25 September 2026
Padova***

***An introduction to LD teaching activities
& to the Italian university system***

1 ECTS – Attendance: Mandatory (at least 65% and a final session at the end of the semester)

****Students who cannot be on-site for visa-related issues can attend the event on Zoom. Please, send an e-mail to master.localdevelopment@unipd.it clearly describing the motivation of your impediment. Once your request is reviewed, you will be provided with a Zoom link.***

**Scientific Committee: Chiara Rabbiosi, Mariasole Pepa, Silvia Piovan, Isabella Giunta, Francesca Acetino, Ana Gabriela Fontoura
Organizing Committee: Oscar Russo, Alessandro Bertollo, Vincenzo Pono**



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September, 22nd 2026
Aula Magna, Pal. Luzzatto Dina
Via del Vescovado, 30 - Padova

On-site and online (dual mode)

For international students only:

11.30

Welcome international students

Alessandro Bertollo, Global Engagement Office and Sifat Jahan Ekra, LD Tutor buddy

14.30

Institutional greetings

Greetings from DiSSGeA's Vice Head
Prof. Tania Rossetto

Greetings from the the University of Padua Vice Rector for Teaching and Education
Prof. Marco Ferrante

Keynote lecture

NETWORKED COMMUNITIES, A NEW IDEAL AND PRAXIS FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Prof. Giorgio Osti

University of Padua, Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology

BREAK

Introduction. Part 1.

Introduction to the Master's degree programme

Kick-off seminar: attendance and grading

LD didactic and administrative issues

Prof. Chiara Rabbiosi, Head of LD Master

September, 23rd 2026
Aula Magna, Pal. Luzzatto Dina
Via del Vescovado, 30 - Padova
&
Sala Alpi, Pal. Wollemborg
via del Santo, 26 - Padova

On-site and online (dual mode)

Introduction. Part 2. (Aula Magna)

9.30 Study methods and LD evaluation guidelines
Prof. Silvia Piovan, LD Faculty

BREAK

11.00 AI: how it works and how to use it critically
Prof. Federico Mazzini, MobiLab coordinator

Introduction. Part 3. (Sala Alpi)

14.30 Moodle Service Platform
Oscar Russo, LD Secretariat

14.45 The role of tutor junior

Uniweb Service Platform + Social Media

Diversity and Inclusion
Vincenzo Pono, LD student

The role of students' representatives
Massimo Marano, LD student

Q&A

BREAK

16.00 **Activity #1 (Sala Alpi)**
OUR DECENTRALIZED CLASSROOM

This activity consists of debating local development from where you come from.

Organizer: *Ana Gabriela Fontoura, LD alumni and PhD student*

Please follow the instructions sent by master.localdevelopment@unipd.it or summed-up in our Mediaspace (<https://unipd.link/mediaspace-master-LD>)

September, 24th 2026

Before you start – Key materials

PREPARING THE FIELDTRIP DECOLONIZE YOUR EYES

Either if you are in Padua or if you are still abroad you are invited to read the introductory material that you will be receiving by email and watch online the participatory video 'Decolonizing the city. Visual Dialogues in Padova'.

On site

9.30

WALKING SEMINAR

Meeting place: Via del Vescovado 30 - Padova

‘DECOLONIZE YOUR EYES’: A PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN PADOVA

With Prof. Mariasole Pepa and Paola Cosma (Collective Decolonize your Eyes, Padova)

Bring your own food if you want to have a friendly lunch together after the walk

BREAK

16.00



MUSEO DI GEOGRAFIA

Museum of Geography

Palazzo Wollemborg

Via del Santo, 26 - Padova

Guided tour and maps exhibition

Led by **Silvia Elena Piovan**

In collaboration with **Chiara Gallanti** and **Francesco Tricomi**

September, 24th 2026

Online

11.00 **Learning Beyond Classroom: Students' Experience**

Annas Ali, Annisa Asti Evitasari, Laura Valentina Cespedes Cubides, Christel Clementi, Luiza Valentim Munhoz, Vincenzo Pono

14.30 **Alumni Research Seminar: From Local Development Studies to PhD Research**

*Ana Gabriela Fontoura, PhD student, University of Padua and Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Enzo Guidoni Pozza, PhD student, Tor Vergata University of Rome*

September, 25th 2026

Aula Africa, Palazzo Wollemborg
Via del Santo, 26 - Padova

On-site or online

09.30 **RETHINKING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT: TERRITORIES IN MOTION ACROSS ITALY AND BEYOND**

Round table



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- Guido Manfrini (SetteVoci APS)
- Haseeb Bukhari and Serena Franco (Eurocoop Servizi Jungi Mundu)
- Stefano Collizzolli (ZaLab Padova)
- Alessandra Corrado (Università della Calabria)

Coordinated by Prof. Isabella Giunta, LD Faculty

14.30 **Workshop: Padova through our eyes: Exploring Padova through Photovoice**

Organised by a group of Local Development students