

Individual Activities and Results Collection Form

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Genova

Role in the Project *

- Principal Investigator
- Associated Investigator
- Researcher
- Altro:

2. Description of research activity undertaken

Research Activity *

The research activity was conducted within the field of political and human geography and explored the urban dimension of hospitality, with the aim of understanding how contemporary cities have addressed the challenges posed by religious, cultural and social diversity in a context marked by recent health and humanitarian crises of various kinds. On the one hand, the aim was to offer a critical reading of urban practices and policies aimed at protecting religious freedom and promoting social cohesion; on the other, to suggest multifactorial strategies for building intercultural and tolerant cities. The city was interpreted as a political and relational space in which powers, norms and forms of individual and collective agency are articulated, generating configurations of inclusion or marginalisation. Particular attention was paid to the intersection between secular and religious order, which made it possible to analyse urban practices of care, solidarity and identity recognition, with specific reference to migrant minors and the protection of their personal and cultural safety. From an empirical point of view, the research was based on qualitative tools aimed at investigating the spatial and discursive experiences of people with a migrant background in the city of Genoa. The results were presented at national and international conferences and contributed to the drafting of a chapter of a volume dedicated to the religious dimension of human security in diasporic contexts in Genoa.

3. Research Outputs and Outcomes

A. Scientific Publications

Published Works

Casano G. (2024). Community resilience placed at the service of the climate-migration-conflict nexus understanding, *Environment & Security*, 3(2), 175-193.

Publications Accepted for press/In press

Casano G., Panizza E. (Accepted, Forthcoming). Verso una prospettiva territoriale sulla dimensione religiosa della human security: un'indagine sul contesto urbano genovese. In: Tarantino D. et al. (Eds.). *Religion & Emergency Rules. Esplorare l'impatto delle regole d'emergenza sulla libertà di culto in prospettiva multidisciplinare*, Petrini M. Editions.

Articles/Essays in Preparation

B. Conferences and Seminars

Organization of conferences and seminars related to the project themes

- 21/11/2024 – Genoa, Italy. Seminario PRIN Religion & Emergency Rules – Esplorare l’impatto delle regole d’emergenza sulla libertà di culto. DISPI - UNIGE.
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Participation in conferences and seminars related to the project themes

- 03-06/09/2025 – Turin, Italy. XXIV Congresso Geografico Italiano. Contribution with S. Bonfanti, A. Mghar & M. Rossi: Fiumi di culture – Torino, verso una città postmigrante?.
 - 29-30/05/2025 – Trento, Italy. Religioni e migrazioni: sfide pratiche alla prova della democrazia. Invited Speaker, contribution: Comprendere le sfide della multiculturalità osservando le configurazioni territoriali emergenti.
 - 18/02/2025 – Genoa, Italy. Migranti sospesi tra Italia e Albania – Esternalizzazione dei confini, controllo dell’immigrazione e tutela dei diritti fondamentali. Contribution: Spazi di eccezione ed esternalizzazione dei confini: una prospettiva geografica tra Italia e mondo.
 - 10/01/2025 – Pisa, Italy. Conference PRIN Religion & Emergency Rules – Primo punto di una ricerca. Contribution: Risultati preliminari Unità di Genova in prospettiva geografica.
 - 21/11/2024 – Genoa, Italy. PRIN Religion & Emergency Rules – Esplorare l’impatto delle regole d’emergenza sulla libertà di culto. Seminar Contribution: Prospettive di Follow-up: i focus-group.
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C. Other Outputs and Outcomes

Other Outputs *

The project generated a wide range of third mission and public engagement activities aimed at disseminating research findings beyond the academic community. Public seminars and participatory workshops were organized in collaboration with local associations and stakeholders to promote collective reflection on urban hospitality, coexistence, and human security. Exhibitions and public talks translated the research outcomes into accessible narratives for diverse audiences, enhancing awareness of spatial and cultural dimensions of inclusion. These initiatives strengthened the link between research, local governance, and civil society, positioning the project as a platform for knowledge transfer and social innovation. The project was the catalyst for the transformation of the "Osservatorio sui Fenomeni Religiosi e Migratori" into the "Centro di ricerca interdipartimentale sui fenomeni religiosi, migratori e sulle trasformazioni territoriali (CIRRMiT)", expanding its capabilities and becoming a point of reference for research on these issues at the university and international level.

Other Outcomes *

The research advanced the theoretical understanding of human security from a geographical perspective, highlighting its spatial, relational, and cultural dimensions within urban contexts of hospitality and coexistence. By analysing the intersection between urban policies, religious diversity, and everyday practices of inclusion, the project contributed to reframing the city as a space of negotiation between vulnerability and protection. These findings have informed the broader academic and public debate on urban cohesion, interculturality, and the governance of diversity, providing conceptual and empirical insights for the design of socially sustainable local policies.

Additional Notes or Comments

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