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FERNANDO JIMENEZ (University of Murcia) *Corruption and land-use planning in Spain*

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STEFANO MORONI (Milan Polytechnic), *Ethics of rules and ethics of virtues: allies or adversaries in fighting corruption?*

SALVATORE SBERNA (European University Institute, Florence) *"Mafia cement": criminal ties and partnerships in Italy's construction industry*

ELENA GRANATA (Milan Polytechnic) *Local Government Weaknesses, Economic Crises and Organized Crime in Northern Italy*

DANIELA DE LEO (La Sapienza University, Rome) *Urban Planning in the face of the Mafia*

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"Old Gotham City", *Batman: Legends of the Dark Knight*, DC Comics, February 1992.

*International Workshop*

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## **Bursaries**

A limited number of bursaries are available in order to allow Ph.D. students and early career researchers to attend the seminar and take part in the discussion. A bursary comprises accommodation for two nights, dinner on Thursday, lunch and dinner on Friday. GSSI is also ready to consider a partial refund of travel costs for Ph.D students upon request.

To apply for a bursary, please send a short bio followed by a brief statement of current research interests (max 250 words) to [francesco.chiodelli@gssi.infn.it](mailto:francesco.chiodelli@gssi.infn.it) by **5th June 2015**.

## **About GSSI**

The institution hosting and organizing the workshop is the Gran Sasso Science Institute ([www.gssi.infn.it](http://www.gssi.infn.it)) in L'Aquila. The GSSI was promoted and supported by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), as part of the economic recovery strategy after the disastrous 2009 earthquake. The *GSSI Cities Research Unit* focuses on the long-term development trajectories of 'territorial systems', and 'urban systems' in particular (cities, metropolitan areas, metropolitan regions), from a trans-disciplinary perspective. Research and learning at GSSI Cities is policy-oriented, with a strong emphasis on empirical inquiry. This international workshop is as part of the research project "Corruption in urban planning and spatial development of Italian cities" (<http://www.gssi.infn.it/research-area/social-science-gssi-cities-research/research-projects>).

## **Briefly about L'Aquila**

The workshop will take place on the premises of the Gran Sasso Science Institute in the city centre of L'Aquila (viale Francesco Crispi 7). Severely damaged by the earthquake of 2009, the city currently features an exceptional number of construction sites whose tall cranes draw L'Aquila skyline. Yet the city is facing not only a process of physical reconstruction but also a social and economic one. Being a

university city and the urban core of a broader region with a tourism vocation (the region hosts one of the most important natural park systems in Europe including *Parco Nazionale del Gran Sasso*), L'Aquila is in the outskirts of the metropolitan region of Rome and it is accessible to a basin of 4,000,000 inhabitants in two hours of travel. L'Aquila is one hour's drive from Rome; and Roma Tiburtina railway station, Fiumicino Airport and Ciampino Airport in Rome are well connected to the city by bus.

## **Info**

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