

Jurassic Park (1)



London, Fleet Street. 1st April 2009. It has been a dramatic day with one person dying. Yet only few metres from the battle of London it looked like an exceedingly quiet day to be the big day of the new era. Many Londoner, in fact, and even more most of city workers and bankers must have taken one day off. And it is the entire City that seems to have decided to simply become as invisible as possible. (...)

Invitation-The Future of the Universities

April 20. Rome, Italy



In the global market for innovation the future of Italian and

European universities is closely linked to their ability to adjust to internationalization: Vision addresses this topic during the annual conference on universities, organized in conjunction with Nova, Air and ISSNAF, with the help of recent data provided, among others, by OECD and the Lisbon Council. Universities are the object of continuous assessments measuring their prestige and results. The conference to be held in Rome on 20 April will explore these topics. [Agenda](#).

Call for Ideas

Security and Immigration in Italy



Italians, on average, believe that the situation in Italy overall is much worse than in their

immediate surroundings. Not only the perceptions, but also the data put forward by public institutions are confusing and contradictory. In the next few months Vision will [reflect](#) upon still critical state of affairs, and will feature new thinking and rational reform proposals in September 2009 during a project conference in Milan, organized with the cooperation of Bocconi University.

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The Kyoto of the Cities

Smart Cities in the Post-Crisis Era



On the 26th - 28th of March 2009 in Castel dell'Ovo, Naples, Vision has launched the programme that will landmark most of the think tank initiatives. *Smart Cities in the Post Crisis Era* suggests that the cities are the place where to re invent the decision making, industrial and consumption models whose limits have been so dramatically exposed by the meltdown.

Throughout the Conference innovative practices and creative ideas on how the future may look like and what does it take to get there, were introduced by experts coming from New York, Shanghai, London, Paris, Naples and Turin ([photos](#)). Corriere della Sera ([article](#)), RAI and other media reflect the study on traffic less cities and some of the other researches.

In the next one and half year the six sessions of the Kyoto of the Cities will become three projects/ events: democracy as the condition to technologies based policies aiming to create traffic less cities; waste management as a case of global governance; cities of the future and the internet energy. Shanghai – Expo 2010, Turin (or Milan – Expo 2015) and London (or New York) will host the final events. Partnerships and working groups are now open to institutions, firms, universities, individuals and NGOS that may like to join.

London Towards Olympics 2012



Martin Powell, Director of Project Delivery in LDA, explores in his presentation the role of London Development Agency in addressing climate change, improving the quality of

London's environment and reducing its environmental footprint.

[Presentation](#)

Enemies of Progress



The role of cities and human societies facing climate change issues from a different point of view is the focus of the presentation of Austin Williams, the author of "The Enemies of Progress".

[Presentation](#)

Eco Cities Planning: the Case of Dongtan - Shanghai



A description of the possible role of cities in tackling global challenges by Alejandro Gutierrez, Associate Director at ARUP.

[Presentation](#)

Sustainable Mobility



Sustainable mobility and possible solutions to traffic according to Enrico Pagliari, from ACI per la Mobilità Sostenibile

[Presentation](#)

Engineering Trajectories for Green Cities of the Future



Bill Watts, Senior Partner at Max Fordham, examines in his presentation the possibilities in green architecture and planning and explores challenges and opportunities cities are facing.

[Presentation](#)

Sustainable Mobility Strategies, Public Transport Next Generation and Congestion Charges



Mobility system of a territory represents a crucial factor for social and economical development as well as a highly critical factor in a urban environment. A presentation by Gabriele Grea, researcher at

Bocconi University.

[Presentation](#)

Tariff and Network Regulation of District Heating in Cities



Franco Becchis, Scientific Director of Fondazione per l'Ambiente, explores tariff and network regulation of district heating in medium and large cities, focusing on consumer protection and Kyoto protocol

targets.

[Presentation](#)

Congestion Charge in New York



Ramon Cruz, Vice-President of Energy and Environment NYC, explores problems and solutions of traffic

congestion in New York City.

[Presentation](#)

The Indian Paradox



Azeem Uddin, Lead Analysis Engineer at GM India, discusses the problems that growing Indian cities are addressing, in particular traffic congestion.

[Presentation](#)

MIT on Digitally Augmented Urban Environments



Francesco Calabrese, Postdoctoral Associate at the SENSEable City Laboratory of MIT, explains how the use of technology can permit to capture, visualize and deliver real time information on city dynamics.

[Presentation](#)

Cars, Data and Governance



Professor Sandro Rambaldi explains in his presentation how information technologies measuring individual

behaviour in cities can allow information-based policy on mobility.

[Presentation](#)

Decision Making Tools for Waste Governance



The presentation of Alessandro Mengozzi, Researcher at Bologna University, addresses democracy issues exploring the decision making tools that can

be applied to waste management choices.

[Presentation](#)

Reduction, Reuse, Recycling



Roberto Cavallo, Adviser for ACR+, holds a presentation dealing with public policies related to waste management.

[Presentation](#)

Urban Agglomeration Economies in Climate Policy: a Dynamic CGE Analysis



A dynamic computable general equilibrium analysis that considers urban agglomeration economies and climate policy is the subject of this presentation by Fabio Grazi, Researcher at

CIRED

[Presentation](#)

University Education and Sustainable Development



This presentation explores the fundamental role of university education in fostering sustainable and responsible development. Ludovico Ciferri is Research Manager at Politecnico di Torino.

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