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CALL FOR REGISTRATION

WHEN

From **October 26** to **December 14, 2025**.

WHO

PhD candidates, and independent young scholars holding a Master's degree.

HOW

Your registration begins by completing the Google Form, available on our website:

researchmethodologyws.org

You will then be directed to the payment procedure. **The fee is 220€**. You can access the payment instructions on our website.

The fee includes: lunches; coffee breaks; the welcoming aperitif; the participation in the school.

The fee does not include: travel cost to reach the venue, accommodation and the local tourist tax (4€/person/each day), the social dinner (which is around 30€).

The Winter School will provide a certificate of participation and will provide students with 4 credits ECTS (to be agreed with the sending universities).

Participation grants for students from low income countries will be available thanks to the generous support of EURA - European Urban Research Association.

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School presentation

The XII Winter School will take place from the 19th to the 23rd of January 2026. Previous editions have been attended by hundreds of young researchers who achieved their PhD and a successful academic career. The School program is designed to improve, implement, and deepen your skillset as researchers and PhD students, with various keynotes and workshops that are tackling basic tools, classic and innovative methods, and approaches, while offering tips and tricks directly from fellow colleagues or more experienced researchers. Within and around these workshops there will be moments to explore and socialize with your fellow PhD students and build together with us the network of the Winter School. The Winter School will be held in English.

BASICS : How to design your own research, deepen your understanding of academic writing and academic publishing.

METHODS AND TECHNIQUES : Both in qualitative and quantitative form, providing diverse options to tackle your research problem and goals.

APPROACHES : A gallery of different perspectives to frame your research topic.

ADVANCED : To better understand your role in academia and your potential future pathways, while discovering practical and interesting facts that might not be always explicitly said by your supervisors and colleagues.

"Rent a Researcher" is an opportunity to meet researchers in an interesting, engaging and approachable way: a number of Italian scholars are available for one-to-one meetings with a limited number of PhD candidates and young academics for exchange and tutoring activities.

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