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# Towards de-globalization or regional integration?

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The Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz has recently written:  
“markets do a terrible job of ‘pricing’ risk, for the same reason  
that they don’t price carbon dioxide emissions”  
The failures of globalization with respect to the environmental  
issues, climate change, global chains interconnection as well  
as to territorial and social justice are now clear to most of the  
world observers. However, no serious attempt has been made  
yet to analyze the reasons of such failures, and to rewrite  
the rules of the world base on fairer relations among agents  
(enterprises, cities, nations, continents). In this attempt, the  
North’s and the South’s points of view have to be considered  
and a joint effort has to be conducted.  
The School of the Souths 2023 – held at Politecnico di Milano  
for the first time in 2023 – aims to bridge the academic  
networks already implemented during the past editions of the  
School curated by prof. Paolo Perulli, and the Politecnico di  
Milano’s community of researchers interested in globalization’s  
challenges and their spatial impacts.  
This first meeting, entitled “Towards De-Globalization or  
Regional Integration?” aims to focus, on the one hand, on the  
failures of globalization in relation to the environmental issues  
of climate change, global chains interconnection and territorial  
and social justice, and, on the other, on the hints of a possible  
“de-globalization” movement.  
The Seminar proposes to discuss the themes of Globalization  
and De-globalization (or regional integration) from a multipolar  
perspective, including views from the “Souths” and the  
“Norths” of the world along with three main aspects:  
economic (global value chains), urban (planetary urbanization)  
and ideological (technological understanding of the reality).



8th June  
2023

School of the Souths

Politecnico di Milano,  
Room 3.2.4, Piazza  
Leonardo da Vinci 32  
[Webex link](#)

1 pm (CEST)

Opening remarks

**Valeria Fedeli** / Coordinator Project TF  
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**Gabriele Pasqui** / DASStU, Politecnico  
di Milano, Italy  
[The School of the Souths of the World  
at Politecnico di Milano](#)

1<sup>15</sup> pm - 2<sup>15</sup> pm

Topic proposals

**Paolo Perulli** / Università del  
Piemonte Orientale, Italy  
**Enrique Aliste** / Vice-President  
Research and Development,  
Universidad de Chile  
**Giampaolo Conte** / Università Roma  
Tre, Italy  
**Andrea Berrini** / author of Metropoli  
d'Asia  
**Camillo Boano** / Politecnico di Torino,  
Italy  
**Solly Benjamin** / IIT Madras, India  
**Tracy Commodore** / University of  
Ghana, Ghana  
**Margarita Greene** / Pontificia  
Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile  
**Paola Pasquali**, Centre for Asian  
Studies, University of Ghana, Accra  
and UMR Géographie Cités, Paris  
France

2<sup>15</sup> pm - 3pm

Q&A and Coffee break

3 pm - 4 pm

Topic proposals

**Wing Shing Tang** / Formerly  
Department of Geography, Hong  
Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong  
**Kala S. Sridhar** / Institute for Social  
and Economic Change, Bangalore,  
India  
**Ashok Saraf** / Science and  
Technology Park Pune, India  
**George Owusu** / University of  
Ghana, Accra, Ghana  
**Camillo Magni**  
**Sonia Pistidda**  
**Alice Buoli**  
**Gloria Pessina** / DASStU, Politecnico  
di Milano, Italy

4 pm - 5 pm

General discussion and  
conclusions

Chair: Camillo Magni

Invited discussants: Simonetta  
Armondi, Alessandro Balducci,  
Alessio Battistella, Silvia Bodei,  
Susanna Bortolotto, Massimo  
Bricocoli, Sarah Chiodi, Antonella  
Contin, Corinna Del Bianco,  
Alessandro Frigerio, Chiara Geroldi,  
Mariacristina Giambruno, Fabiano  
Lemes, Laura Montedoro, Francesco  
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E STUDI URBANI



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**D'ECCELLENZA**  
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