

European Feltrinelli Camp 2021 BROKEN CITIES

A two-day workshop for young European activists, researchers, practitioners, start-ups, and journalists

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli is one of the leading European centres of research and documentation in the fields of history, political science, economics and social sciences, with particular emphasis on the history of ideas, political cultures and democratic movements in the framework of globalization-related phenomena.

In recent years, Fondazione Feltrinelli has established fruitful collaborations with many research centres of excellence all over the world (e.g. Paris Institute of Political Studies, Harvard University, London School of Economics, Yale University, Columbia University), as well as with the most brilliant interpreters of our time: Amartya Sen, Marc Augé, Joseph Stiglitz, Jeremy Rifkin, Muhammad Yunus, Raj Patel, Rafael Correa, Richard Sennett, just to name a few.

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli is now launching the call for proposals for the **new edition of the FeltrinelliCamp**, a two-day immersive workshop that will be held **in Milan on 8th - 9th October, 2021**. The **Broken Cities Camp** will be dedicated to examining challenges, vulnerabilities and opportunities that our cities and territories are facing from the ecological, social and economic point of view, the latter two especially exasperated by the pandemic.

The initiative will conclude an entire Feltrinelli's season of activities and research related to relevant work issues. Looking at the possible impacts – both positive as well as negative - that the cities and territories of future could have on the lifestyle of its citizens, we intend to investigate the most urgent priorities for the key actors that are interested by territorial transformations (urban and extra-urban): citizens, local authorities, enterprises, social movements and other stakeholders. To do so, we intend to identify key threats and vulnerabilities that impact our territories. Furthermore, we want to explore the challenges and actions needed to develop circular, just, health and participatory territories. **How can we reimagine our urban and extra-urban relationships to reconnect people and spaces and to promote sustainable economies in the reconstruction phase ahead? How to promote a new balanced relationship with the natural resources, their management and their use for the recovery phase from COVID-19? Then, what should be asked to politics and citizens and what economic and social strategies need to be developed?**

Fondazione Feltrinelli encourages young activists, researchers and practitioners from different fields of study and action to apply to the FeltrinelliCamp Broken Cities, in order to foster the dialogue and the analysis on the mentioned topics by exploring their impacts on society, economy, environment and people.

The FeltrinelliCamp is organized in collaboration with national and international universities and research centres, as well as with institutional partners that are members of the research and stakeholder network established and coordinated by Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli.

OBJECTIVES

During the last decades and due to the recent pandemic, cities and territories across the world have become more vulnerable and it is more and more clear their limits to guarantee a fair social and economic

development. The FeltrinelliCamp intends to contribute to rethink models and practices that can play a key role in the creation of a shared, and no longer fragmented, space that includes heterogeneous identities and promotes sustainable lifestyles and healthy communities.

The overall objective of the FeltrinelliCamp workshops is to **promote high quality scientific exchanges among junior researchers, activists and practitioners with different scientific/disciplinary backgrounds and from diverse geographical contexts**, working on issues and projects related to:

- Social, economic and physical **regeneration of urban and extra-urban territories** to address spatial fragmentation, segregation and isolation;
- **Production and consumption models** and their economic, social and environmental impacts on our territories and cities;
- Social determinants of **healthy territories and concrete solutions to achieve social and environmental justice** in urban and extra-urban territories;
- **Resilient territories** and cities as key to tackle the effects of climate change, prevent environmental disasters and health crisis;
- **Right to housing**, challenged by economic and social crisis and economic polarisation;
- **Basic services and infrastructures** as key ingredients for a fair economic and social development of territories;
- **Participatory processes** to design and implement **territorial development and cohesion**;
- **Digital innovation** as a strategic tool to enhance a democratic and sustainable development.

In a friendly, collaborative environment, selected applicants will be able to share their research and work. This aims to foster discussion about the context and implications with peers. Debate on emerging issues will feed ideas, feedback and expertise-sharing for programming further collaboration, presenting international case studies and sharing best practices. The specific objective is to establish a long-term international network of young profiles collaborating on relevant topics of common interest under the auspices of Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli.

Researchers, activists, practitioners in the relevant sectors will discuss at the FeltrinelliCamp a set of concrete actions that make it possible to **develop just, circular, health and participatory territories, promoting stakeholder engagement at all levels: from designing to living the cities**. Exploring challenges and possible solutions for territorial development, the FeltrinelliCamp intends to outline the form and substance of a new model of planning and living systems, creating social inclusion and healthy communities.

The Camp is inspired by the awareness that **cities are facing social, environmental and economic challenges that need long term, well planned and responsible managed solutions**: a complex and multifaceted rethinking of cities and territories in order to make a new alternative proposal is urgent and unavoidable, and we expect the participants to the FeltrinelliCamp to share this urge of civic commitment.

This approach needs to consider a transition to new socio-economic models that on the one hand promote circular and democratic economies and on the other hand contribute to the health and wellbeing of people and territories, enhancing participatory strategies.

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

The workshop will last two full days.

The selected profiles will be divided in working groups on specific topics according to their subjects. They will have the opportunity to present their research, projects and work interests, promoting mutual knowledge,

enhancing scientific interchange and exploring perspectives for common research work. They will look at potential future partnerships, projects, collaborations on training programs, organization of international conferences/workshops, exchange opportunities, publications, joint proposals for international projects.

A facilitator will lead each working group and a rapporteur will draft a summary featuring the main outputs of the discussion.

International keynote speakers will deliver lectures and take part to round tables.

PROPOSALS SUBMISSION

Submitted proposals must include:

- **Candidate's CV**
- **A motivation letter** (max 500 words)
- **A short idea description** (max 1000 words) including the details on the specific thematic focus/case study/best practice relevant to FeltrinelliCamp topics and goals. It can describe, for instance, candidate's research activity on the relevant issues, their professional activity related to the topics, how their experience can bring a fruitful contribution to the workshop.

All documents shall be included and submitted in a single pdf file and the object of the email must be "Call: Broken Cities".

A multidisciplinary profile will be considered as an additional asset. Proposals must be submitted by e-mail no later than the **30th of July**, to the email address: feltrinelliscamp@gmail.com

SELECTION OF PROPOSALS

An international scientific committee will be responsible for selecting up to 100 proposals. In order to promote the multidisciplinary character of the network, a limited numbers of researchers per topic will be accepted.

In addition, a few most interesting proposals will be selected for a Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli publication as an output of the workshop, and the authors might be collaborating with our research staff to the planning of the next Fondazione's season of research and dissemination activities.

WORKING LANGUAGE

English

ELIGIBILITY

Researchers, PhD students, practitioners, activists, journalists... under 38 years old can apply.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli will offer a reimbursement up to €250 to cover part/total travel and accommodation costs in Milan.

VENUE

The workshop will be held in Milan, at the Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Viale Pasubio 5, Milan; in order to facilitate attendance even in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, participants may also choose to participate online.