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<p>Titolo della Sessione</p>	<p>Temporary populations in contemporary cities: Definitions and challenges</p>
<p>Contenuti</p>	<p>One of the main challenges faced by contemporary cities is the increasing presence of “temporary populations” (Brollo and Celata, 2022; Brollo, 2024), i.e., those who willingly move to a city for a short or medium period of time without the intention or possibility to settle down. This group is very diverse, including, among others, residential tourists, lifestyle/leisure migrants, digital nomads, mobile and seasonal workers, lifestyle migrants and students. Because of their diversity, these populations have been investigated from a variety of perspectives and subfields of human geography research, including mobilities and tourism studies, migration, and urban geography debates around gentrification and studentification. As documented extensively by popular media and scholars (Cocola-Gant et al., 2020; Jover and Diaz-Parra, 2020; Lopez-Gay et al., 2020), the rapid and excessive growth of temporary populations has been associated with several negative outcomes, such as increasing housing unaffordability, the loss of social sustainability, worsening public services, the progressive expulsion of local residents from city centres and the deepening of socio-economic inequalities within and between cities. Despite this body of evidence, policymakers and business elites continue to praise the (supposed) benefits of attracting certain temporary populations, notably affluent visitors and ‘young’, ‘creative’, digital nomads, while marginalizing, or even demonizing, other temporary populations, such as students and seasonal, lower class, racialized workers. In line with recent critical research on the topic, the session aims at opening a space of discussion around the challenges faced by contemporary cities when confronted with increasing numbers of temporary populations. We welcome theoretical, methodological or empirical contributions (in English, Italian and Spanish) that engage with (but not limited to) the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theorizations and definitions of ‘temporary populations’ beyond separation among specific groups; - Who is included/excluded in policy and institutional discourses around the benefits of increased transnational mobilities? - Data sources (both official and unconventional) and research methods to map temporary populations; - The impact of temporary populations on cities, communities and neighbourhoods;



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The lived experiences of temporary populations and those who live in areas heavily affected by these flows;- The classed and racialized dimensions of living temporarily in a city;- How policies affect temporary populations flows and the liveability of neighbourhoods and cities for long-term residents
Parole chiave	Mobilities, inequalities, housing affordability, research methods
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