

## SHeroes Resilience Summer School: Empowering Women in Disaster Risk Reduction through Heritage

**Date:** 22nd to 29th June 2024

**Location: Place:** Castello del Valentino,  
UNESCO World Heritage Site, Turin, Italy

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### Call for Summer School Participation!

The **RESILIAGE** project is happy to invite you to the 6th edition of the **Cultural Heritage in Context - Digital Technologies for the Humanities Summer School**, co-organised by Politecnico di Torino-Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning, UNESCO-Disaster Risk Unit, UCLA-Cotsen Institute of Archaeology.

The Summer School is coordinated by **Rosa Tamborrino** (Politecnico di Torino), **Irina Pavlova** (UNESCO), **Willeke Wendrich** (Politecnico di Torino and University of California, Los Angeles)

The 2024 edition of the Summer School has as a motto, **gendered approaches and digital skills in heritage expertise for community resilience**.

The programme will focus on **societal resilience** and explore **cultural natural heritage drivers** for enhancing adaptation and preparedness for **Disaster Risk Reduction**, the Summer School focuses especially on natural disasters and Climate Change related risks. It aims to **empower Women in Science** by providing them with **digital skills in heritage expertise for Disaster Risk Management** and with a critical understandings of gender-sensitive approaches.

In a rich framework of interdisciplinary activities, within the Horizon Europe RESILIAGE research project, the Summer School will create opportunities of **knowledge transfer and consultation** based on the wide range of **international experts at the intersection of Humanities, Social Sciences and STEM**.

Defining gendered experiences, approaches and understandings for **disaster risk reduction strategies** and identifying **heritage and cultural practices as activators of community resilience**, we will focus on multi-layered present and historical **women-environment interactions**. The participants will be engaged in real case scenarios and testimonies, experiencing customised digital tools, immersed in interactive learning experiences, both for **empowering women with skills** in a mainly traditional male domain and for building a new perspective of knowledge framework in the field.

*The main objective will be to improve how to play a **leading role in Heritage and Risks for building more resilient communities** by fully capitalising on the capabilities of women.*

The scheduled one-week programme with the international and multidisciplinary contribution of the experts includes an intensive agenda based on **lectures, workshops, visits** and **collaborative group work** organised throughout the entire week. The structure is divided into **mornings dedicated to lectures and workshops**, and **afternoons for working in parallel groups on case studies of real large scale endangered sites** (urban and regional) with the teaching staff, including tutors and research trainers. The one-week programme will be concluded by a pop-up exhibition and discussion of the outcomes. The programme also allows consultations for discussing participants' individual projects.

The Summer School is held in the Valentino Castle, an amazing 17th century World Heritage site in a Park along the Po River. The social programme includes **visits to the historic centre of Turin, team building** in an international exchange, **informal meetings and dinners** with the teaching committee while enjoying typical Italian surroundings and food.

### Logistics Information

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**Place:** Castello del Valentino, Politecnico di Torino, UNESCO World Heritage Site, Turin, Italy

**Participation fee:** 450€ with accommodation, 300€ without accommodation

**Language:** English

**Deadline for application:** 31st March 2024

**Notification of results:** 5th April 2024\*

\*The interested participants from non-EU countries who need a visa application to travel to Italy, please inform your situation via mail in order we can immediately (before the deadline)

follow with our eventual acceptance to ease the start of your application procedure by providing you documentation from our side.

### How to Apply

Send your **Application Form**, **CV**, **Motivation Letter** and **copy of Passport** (for non-Italian participants) to

[summerschool.digitalcitiesculturalheritage@polito.it](mailto:summerschool.digitalcitiesculturalheritage@polito.it).

### Summer School past editions

The 2024 RESILIAGE ECR Summer School is part of the **Cultural Heritage in Context Digital Technologies for the Humanities**, POLITO-UCLA Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Joint Summer School Programme, at its 6th edition. The **1st edition** has been organised in 2017, entitled "Digital Nubia" focusing on Digital Humanities Methodologies for Cultural Heritage with the aim of re-creating lost contexts. In 2018, the **2nd edition** has been co-organized with École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales of Paris (EHESS) and the Italian Association of Urban History (AISU), entitled "Cities Cultural Heritage and Digital Humanities" and concentrated on digital approaches to cities as physical, architectural, economic, political and social spaces, in addition to their history and ongoing impacts. The **3rd edition** in 2019 "Learning by Game Creation" has been co-organized with the Italian Association of Urban History (AISU) and National Cinema Museum in Turin for focusing on the analyses and creation of games as a tool for learning by linking to GLAM to create scenarios and objectives of serious games and research. The **4th edition** has been co-organized in 2022 with UNESCO as a part of RURITAGE Horizon 2020 European research project. It aimed to shape and co-build information, data formats, and digital tools for cultural natural heritage conceptualisation, characterisation, representation and management. The **5th edition** has been co-organised as 2023 RESILIAGE Summer School with UNESCO Disaster Risk Reduction Unit in September 2023. It focused on "Heritage-driven Community Resilience Six endangered cultural natural sites".

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Best wishes,  
**RESILIAGE Team**

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