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CONNECTION LAB AND  
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**Call for Selection for the  
International Workshop PoliTo – Ryukoku University  
JAPAN HUB**

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## **Art. 1 Framework**

PoliTo Japan Hub and Clik are promoting for the academic year 2024/2025 the pilot edition of an International Workshop, in which 5 students from PoliTo and 5 students from Ryukoku University (Kyoto, Japan) will team up to address the economic, technical and social challenges of shrinking rural areas in Japan and Italy and to elaborate innovative proposal to promote local development through social innovation.

Within this common frame, specific local and place-based issues will be identified, on the basis of the specific challenges that local public and/or private actors are currently facing in the shrinking rural/extra-urban areas of the Prefecture of Kyoto and of the Metropolitan City of Turin. To name but a few, these could be related to promote new paths of socio-economic development (e.g.: digital hubs for remote working, sustainable tourism, collaborative clusters, promotion and valorisation of local assets and products, dematerialisation of services to enhance accessibility etc.), to retain and/or attract new population, to re-activate/re-function existing resources, to address the needs of a dispersed ageing population, etc.

Key words for the proposed workshop are: local development and social inclusion, local governance, social innovation, local identity, local promotion, rural-urban relations, vacant houses, farmland management

## **Art. 2 The Structure of the Workshop**

The challenge will take place from July 2024 to April 2025.

Two cases are selected as sites and object of the workshop, one in Kyoto Prefecture and one in the Metropolitan City of Turin.

Two multidisciplinary teams will be identified, one at Ryukoku University in Kyoto and one at PoliTo in Turin, consisting of 5 Master of science students and 2-3 professors each.

The two teams will work jointly on the Japanese and Italian cases, through online and onsite activities. For each case study, the core moment will be a period of onsite activities of one week, in which the two teams will work jointly. Remote online activities are envisioned in preparation of the onsite work, then to follow up and finalize the results with at least two online meetings.

During the on-site periods of work, students will visit the specific cases and will engage with local authorities and stakeholders, as well as with local communities.

The activity will be exclusively held in English.

The selected students are expected to actively participate to all online and onsite activities.

More in detail, all selected students are required to:

- Read and analyse preparatory materials concerning the two cases
- Participate to two onsite fieldworks, aimed at the collection of empirical data and the interaction with local stakeholders, authorities and communities
- Participate to two onsite group work, aimed at the identification and analysis of the challenges and the elaboration of an innovative multidisciplinary proposal to address them, supported by a concrete implementation plan
- Elaborate a report for each case, presenting the analysis of the specific challenges, a proposal to address the identified challenges and indications for its actual implementation
- Present the work during the final day of each onsite experience, plus and overall presentation at the end of the workshop.

Upon completing all the requested activities, the participating students will be awarded 6 ETCS credits with the following detail:

<b>Master of Science</b>	<b>ETCS credits</b>
Pianificazione Urbanistica e Territoriale / Urban and Regional Planning (Collegio di Pianificazione e Progettazione)	6
Digital skills for sustainable societal transition (Collegio di Pianificazione e Progettazione)	6
Architettura del paesaggio (Collegio di Pianificazione e Progettazione)	6
Design sistemico (Collegio di Design)	6 extracurricular
Architettura Costruzione Citta'/Architecture Construction City (Collegio di Architettura)	6
Architettura Per La Sostenibilita'/Architecture For Sustainability (Collegio di Architettura)	6
Architettura Per Il Patrimonio/Architecture For Heritage (Collegio di Architettura)	6
Ingegneria Gestionale/Engineering And Management (Collegio di Ingegneria Gestionale e della Produzione)	6 extracurricular
Ingegneria Per L'ambiente E Il Territorio/Environmental And Land Engineering (Collegio di Ingegneria per l'Ambiente e il Territorio)	6
ICT for smart societies (ICT per la società del futuro) (Collegio di Ingegneria Elettronica, delle Telecomunicazioni e Fisica)	6 extracurricular
Ingegneria Biomedica / Biomedical Engineering (Collegio di Ingegneria Biomedica)	6 extracurricular

Ingegneria Chimica e dei Materiali / Chemical And Sustainable Processes Engineering (Collegio di Ingegneria Chimica e dei Materiali)	6 extracurricular
Ingegneria Elettronica / Electronic Engineering (Collegio di Ingegneria Elettronica, delle Telecomunicazioni e Fisica (ETF))	6 extracurricular
Ingegneria Civile / Civil Engineering (Collegio di Ingegneria Civile)	6 extracurricular

### Art. 3 Eligibility Requirements

Eligible students are those currently enrolled in the 1st year of the Master of Sciences listed in article 2.

Prior to their departure for Japan, selected students must formalize their enrollment in the second year at Polito.

Selected students must ensure their attendance both for the entire duration of the onsite activities and in all the online activities of the workshop.

#### IMPORTANT:

1. To be eligible, students must verify and confirm that they can enter Japan with the documents in their possession (passport, VISA etc.). The organization is NOT accountable of any problem that may arise in this concern (see the list of mandatory documents in the Application and deadline section).
2. Students are required to work on their own laptops.

### Art. 4 Financial support and obligations

The participation to the programme does not require the payment of any fee. The selected students will benefit from:

- 5-days intensive Workshop in Kyoto Prefecture with lectures, site visits, and Studio Work;
- 5-days intensive Workshop in Turin Metropolitan Area, with lectures, site visits and Studio Work
- Multidisciplinary tutoring from Teaching Staff from Politecnico di Torino and Ryukoku University, as well as other institutions during the academic activity of the Workshop

Students will have to cover their own travel expenses. PoliTo and Japan Hub will reimburse **each PoliTo student up to 1.000€ of expenses**, upon the presentation of the receipts of the expenses incurred to travel/stay in Japan for the 5-days intensive workshop in Kyoto Prefecture.

## Art. 5 Applications and Deadlines

Students enrolled in the 1st year of the identified Master Courses are entitled to apply from the POLITO Study Portal (in the section “My surveys”).

The application shall include the following mandatory documents (in pdf format):

1. A Motivation letter (max 800 words) written in English;
2. A signed self-declaration confirming that you can enter Japan with the documentation in your possession (passport, visa, etc.).
3. Your Curriculum Vitae (and/or portfolio)

With regards to the English language proficiency certificate, please check you have uploaded the higher level through the **Language Certificates Upload** tool available in online service of your personal page.

The application must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. **June 20th**.

Further steps are detailed in the General Timeline (see below). The dates reported in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 may be subject to variations.

### GENERAL TIMELINE

Selection process	
June 20th	Deadline for students' application
June 26th	Notification of the results
July 1st	Finalization of the list of Participants

Phase 1	
Online preparatory activities	
1 <sup>st</sup> week of July 2024	Introductory meeting (online meeting - exact date to be defined)
3 <sup>rd</sup> week of July 2024	The Japanese Workshop (online meeting - exact date to be defined)
Onsite activities in Japan	
8 September 2024	Rendezvous in Kyoto (details will be communicated in due time)
9-14 September 2024	Students' Studio Workshop activities (a detailed agenda will be provided)
14 or 15 September 2024	Departure for Torino
Online follow-up activities	
October and November 2024	Debriefing, online activity and conclusion
November 2024	Report 1 to be delivered

Phase 2	
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	Online preparatory activities
November- December 2024	The Italian Workshop (online meetings - exact date to be defined)
	Onsite activities in Italy
February 2025	Students' Studio Workshop activities (a detailed agenda will be provided)
	Online follow-up activities
February and March 2025	Debriefing, online activity and conclusion
March 2025	Report 2 to be delivered
April 2025	Final presentation of the results and overall report

### Art. 6 Selection

Candidates will be assessed on the basis of their motivation, preparation, academic career, competencies, expertise and their research skills, inferable from the documents sent to the application.

A Commission, composed by the POLITO Staff involved in the activity will assess the candidates.

The list will be composed of **5** selected students +up to **3** eligible candidates (reserve list) and will be published **on June the 26<sup>th</sup> at the following page:**

<https://www.polito.it/didattica/iscriversi-studiare-laurearsi/studiare-all-estero/iniziativa-di-mobilita/altre-opportunita-formative-internazionali>

The **5** selected students will receive an email about how to communicate the acceptance of participation to the workshop.

The **3** eligible candidates (reserve list) will receive an email about how to communicate the acceptance of participation to the workshop in case one of the **5** selected students does not either communicate the acceptance by the deadline or refuse the given opportunity.

### Art. 7 Disclaimer

A minimum of five (5) participants is required in order to activate the programme.

The organization is NOT accountable in case the activity is cancelled for any force majeure reason (i.e. natural disasters, the introduction of pandemic-related restriction etc.).

### Art. 8 Reference Office

The reference office for the procedures under this call is the following: Innovation and Development of Education Unit (STUDI - Students, Education and International Affairs Department)  
[https://www.polito.it/en/polito/about-us/administration?cod\\_struttura=S2936](https://www.polito.it/en/polito/about-us/administration?cod_struttura=S2936)

### **Art. 9 Process Manager and Committees**

The Process Manager for the selection procedures for admission to the international workshop is the Head of the Innovation and Development of Education Unit (STUDI), Augusta Roux.

### **Art. 10 Processing of personal data**

Personal data shall be processed by Politecnico di Torino solely for the purposes set forth in this Agreement and in order to achieve its institutional mission, in compliance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) and national data protection law.

Ryukoku University, provided that no adequacy decisions nor appropriate safeguards have been adopted respectively under art. 45 and art. 46 of the GDPR and whereas the transfer of personal data is necessary in the public interest, undertakes to comply with the national data protection law in force in the country where the organisation's registered office is located or in the country where collaboration activities are carried out with the utmost diligence.

The contact details of the parties for the purposes of this article are as follows:

- For Polito: the Data Controller is Politecnico di Torino, represented by the Rector, with statutory seat in C.so Duca degli Abruzzi, n. 24, 10129 Turin.

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- [politecnicoditorino@pec.polito.it](mailto:politecnicoditorino@pec.polito.it) (certified e-mail);
- for information and inquiries: [privacy@polito.it](mailto:privacy@polito.it);
- the Data Protection Officer of Politecnico di Torino can be contacted at: [dpo@polito.it](mailto:dpo@polito.it).

- For Ryukoku University: the Data Controller is Ryukoku University, represented by the Director of Graduate School of Policy Science, with statutory seat at 67 Tsukamoto-cho, Fukakusa, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 612-8577, Japan

The contact details of the Data Controller are:

- information and inquiries: [privacy@ad.ryukoku.ac.jp](mailto:privacy@ad.ryukoku.ac.jp);

Ryukoku University hereby authorizes Politecnico di Torino to publish any information related to this international workshop on its official website.

### **Art. 11 Publication**

The present call for selection is published on the following page of the PoliTo web site:

<https://www.polito.it/didattica/isciversi-studiare-laurearsi/studiare-all-estero/iniziativa-di-mobilita/altre-opportunita-formative-internazionali>

For any request of information and/or clarification, please send an email to the activity coordinators:

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