



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN CULTURES

1. Reform of Ph.D. year transition

Following the discussion undertaken during the College in April, the receipt of some proposals for changes to the planned structure and the subsequent discussion in the Doctoral Council on May 5th 2025, the Coordinator illustrates the proposed procedure for the year's transitions, developed with the aim of fostering dialogue and scientific discussion between doctoral students and the teaching board and to constantly monitor the progress of research. To this end, the following structure is proposed:

Calendar of the activities:

1st Year

January: Reception of doctoral students and presentation of doctoral projects

June: State of progress (see section 'a. Characteristics of sub-colleges/research areas')

October: Transition to the new year (delivery via PhD candidates platform "Dottorandi")

2nd Year

January-February: Joint Seminars for second and third year (see section "b. Characteristics of the Joint Seminars for second and third years)

June: Progress (see section 'a. Characteristics of the sub-colleges/research areas')

October: Transition to the next year (text delivery via PhD candidates platform "Dottorandi")

3rd Year:

January-February: Joint Seminars for second and third year (see section "b. Characteristics of the Joint Seminars for second and third year)

June: Progress (see section 'a. Characteristics of the Sub-colleges/Research Groups')

October: Transition to the next year (text delivery via doctoral platforms)

a. Features of Sub-colleges/Research areas

The sub-colleges may be modified over time, with a view to greater flexibility in terms of both the participation of individual lecturers and that of entire Scientific Disciplinary Sectors (SSDs), in order to foster a dialogue focused on the research topics of PhD students, lecturers and SSDs.

Doctoral students are asked to prepare a 20-25 minute presentation on the progress of their research, to be followed by a collegial discussion.

Composition of the Sub-colleges:

Domain 1: Vanessa Assumma, Elisa Conticelli, Annalisa Ferrante, Luca Guardigli, Riccardo Gulli, Giorgia Predari, Simona Tondelli, Angela Santangelo, Ana C. Mourao Moura + Supervisor

Domain 2: Micaela Antonucci, Pierpaolo Ascari, Andrea Borsari, Matteo Cassani Simonetti, Giovanni Leoni, Carola Hein, Marco Pretelli, Henrik Reeh, Andrea Ugolini, Leila Signorelli + Supervisor

Domain 3: Elena Mucelli, Uwe Schroeder, Annalisa Trentin + Supervisor

Domain 4: Fabrizio Apollonio, Elena Formia, Valentina Gianfrate, Michele Zannoni, Dijon Moraes Jr., Piotr Kuroczynski, Federico Fallavollita, Cristiana Bartolomei + Supervisor

Domain 5: Ernesto Antonini, Danila Longo, Lamberto Tronchin, Rosa Schiano-Phan + Supervisor

Supervisors invited to participate but not members of the College are shown in yellow colour:

	Ph.D. Candidate	Cycle	Supervisor	Domain
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1	Alahmad Wael	40	Gentilini Cristina	1
2	Coccolini Davide	40	Bragadin Marco Alvise	1
3	Frattura Martina	40	Ferrante Annarita	1
4	Liu Lu	40	Guardigli Luca	1
5	Manaresi Sofia	40	Santangelo Angela	1
6	Pirodda Lucia	40	Tondelli Simona	1
7	Bertuca Alessia	39	De Luca Claudia	1
8	Chen Fangyu	39	Conticelli Elisa	1
9	He Zhouyan	39	Guardigli Luca	1
10	Kozlova Iuliia	39	Conticelli Elisa	1
11	Cavalieri Benedetta	38	Santangelo Angela	1
12	Foschi Federico	38	Tondelli Simona	1
13	Stefanini Lorenzo	38	Predari Giorgia	1
14	Sun Lei	38	Guardigli Luca	1
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15	Gardini Gian Marco	40	Cassani Simonetti Matteo	2
16	Liu Jiaqi	40	Antonucci Micaela	2
17	Zhuge Yuqi	40	Cassani Simonetti Matteo	2
18	Joosten Yannick Cornelis Petronella Henriette Johannes	39	Leoni Giovanni	2
19	Chen Peiru	38	Borsari Andrea	2
20	Girelli Elena	38	Borsari Andrea	2
21	Lipparini Francesco	38	Antonucci Micaela	2
22	Loffredo Ramona	38	Leoni Giovanni	2
23	Selmi Francesco	38	Antonucci Micaela	2
Domain 2: Micaela Antonucci, Pierpaolo Ascari, Andrea Borsari, Matteo Cassani Simonetti, Giovanni Leoni, Carola Hein, Marco Pretelli, Henrik Reeh, Andrea Ugolini, Leila Signorelli, Cristina González-Longo + Supervisor Referent: Matteo Cassani Simonetti				
24	Alberghi Michela	40	Agnoletto Matteo	3
25	Mou Tinglu	40	Esposito Antonio	3
26	Irmì Noemi	39	Esposito Antonio	3
27	Veronese Emma	39	Rossl Stefania	3
28	Ciambellotti Chiara	38	Trentin Annalisa	3
29	D'Ovidio Alessandra	38	Malacarne Gino	3
30	Grassetto Alberto	38	Agnoletto Matteo	3
31	Piraccini Leo	38	Agnoletto Matteo	3
32	Jin Daitong	40	Fera Francesco Saverio	3



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33	Nadine De Claire	40	Trentin Annalisa	3
Domain 3: Elena Mucelli, Uwe Schroeder, Annalisa Trentin + Supervisor Referent: Annalisa Trentin				
34	Gaeta Benedetta	40	Foschi Riccardo	4
35	Sullini Mattia	38	Cipriani Luca	4
36	Mercuri Riccardo	40	Gianfrate Valentina	4
37	Montemurro Raffaele	40	Sicklinger Andreas	4
38	Astolfi Giacomo	38	Gianfrate Valentina	4
39	Colitti Simona	38	Formia Elena Maria	4
40	Lengua Margo	38	Zannoni Michele	4
41	Pucci Diego	38	Zannoni Michele	4
42	Vignali Virginia	38	Zannoni Michele	4
43	Pasini Veronica	38	Zannoni Michele	4
Domain 4: Fabrizio Apollonio, Elena Formia, Valentina Gianfrate, Michele Zannoni, Dijon Moraes Jr., Piotr Kuroczynski, Federico Fallavollita, Cristiana Bartolomei + Supervisor Referent: Valentina Gianfrate				
44	Cahill Roisin Ellen	40	Antonini Ernesto	5
45	Raut Shantanu Ashok	40	Gaspari Jacopo	5
46	Recalcati Matteo	40	Longo Danila	5
47	Zhou Xu	40	Antonini Ernesto	5
48	Peng Yehui	39	Gaspari Jacopo	5
49	Pietropoli Martino	39	Longo Danila	5
50	Saito Haruna	39	Tronchin Lamberto	5
51	Tabatabaei Mahdiyeh	38	Antonini Ernesto	5
52	Tommasino Maria Cristina	38	Tronchin Lamberto	5
Domain 5: Ernesto Antonini, Danila Longo, Lamberto Tronchin, Rosa Schiano-Phan + Supervisor Referent: Ernesto Antonini				

Operational indications:

- Each Sub-College organises itself, including non-College co-supervisors. Each Sub-College identifies a contact person who coordinates and defines the date of the progress seminar;
- Each Sub-College identifies and invites at least one external discussant;
- The meeting takes place in presence for the whole Sub-College and the doctoral students. Doctoral students are also required to attend all Sub-College meetings;
- Mixed participation is envisaged, except in special cases, only for discussants, for members of the College who are not part of the Sub-College but who wish to attend the meeting, and for members of the College who are serving abroad.

b. Features of Joint Seminars for second and third years



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The doctoral student is asked to prepare a 20-25 minute presentation on some results of the ongoing research in the form of a paper at a conference to be followed by a collegial discussion. It is emphasised that, unlike the papers presented during the Sub-Colleges, on this occasion the PhD student is not asked to present a state of research progress but a part of the research itself.

Operational guidelines:

- Doctoral students coordinate to form multidisciplinary research groups based on the topics of their research - distribution by disciplinary areas is strongly discouraged;
- Doctoral students identify a few members of the Board of Lecturers to be invited to the seminar;
- Doctoral students identify one or more external discussants to be invited to the Seminar;
- The Seminars take place in presence and include the participation of the Doctoral students, their Supervisors, the invited members of the College and one or more discussants (the latter may also participate remotely). All doctoral students are required to attend all the Seminars in presence;
- The Seminars must be of a public nature;
- The schedule of the Seminars as well as the organisational activities of the Seminars are coordinated by the Board.
- Mixed participation is only envisaged, except in special cases, for discussants, for members of the College who are not taking part in the Seminar but wish to attend the meeting and for members of the College who are serving abroad.

c. Characteristics of texts for the passage of the year

- First year: State of research in Italian or English - of at least 40,000 characters including notes and apparatus (index, bibliography, part of the developed text, etc.);
- Second year: Progress of the research of about 80,000 characters (index, bibliography, part of the developed text);
- Third year: Full text of the doctoral thesis.

At the end of the presentation of the proposal, the Coordinator opens the discussion with those present.

Prof. Ernesto Antonini takes the floor and points out his initial perplexity about this organisation; however, he recognises that this constitutes a non-permanent set-up, so a different configuration could be found in the coming years. A complication could arise from the presence of a member to be chosen from time to time and not permanent, such as the external discussant. However, he finds it appropriate to start the new procedure in order to test it. With regard to the joint seminars, he suggests defining a multidisciplinary group size, otherwise there is a risk of it becoming a repeat of the meetings with the sub-colleges, whereas the audience must be more extensive and heterogeneous.

The Co-ordinator informs the College that a meeting has been scheduled with the doctoral students to explain the new procedure to them (to be held on Tuesday 13 May at 4 p.m.); during this meeting, an attempt will be made to understand together with the doctoral students their views and the appropriate size for these seminars.

Prof. Giovanni Leoni then spoke, recognising that the procedure is an attempt to offer an extra opportunity compared to the past, in a research environment that has one or more identities that do not necessarily coincide with disciplinary sectors. An open dynamic, which crosses competences and research topics, is to be established, which is useful for both lecturers and doctoral students. Turning the proposed mechanism into something efficient is a challenge to be faced, as it is a very ambitious goal, but first and foremost it is a cultural initiative for the benefit of doctoral students in particular.

Prof. Andrea Borsari then intervenes, who supports the proposal, recognising how intersecting sub-colleges, i.e. macro-disciplinary areas, can make it possible to compare disciplines not involved in individual theses, tackling the same topic from several points of view.

The Coordinator thanks for the interventions and recognises that the process can certainly still be improved, but an initial test can be carried out at the first meetings in June.

The Coordinator then asks the College for approval of the proposal as presented.



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The College unanimously approves.