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13^{00}–14^{00} **Arrival and registration**

14^{00}–14^{30} **Welcome and introduction**
Adriano Magliocco
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14^{30}–15^{15} **Keynote lecture: Exploring atmospheres**
Elisabetta Canepa, University of Genoa
Riccardo Rapparini, University of Genoa
In Limen: Aura and Affective Space

15^{15}–17^{15} **Panel: Imaging atmospheres**
Viktorija Bogdanova, Aalto University
Mythical Drawing: Uses of a Gnostic Pilgrimage
Gaia Leandri, University of Genoa
Visualising the Invisible:
Perceiving and Representing Urban Atmospheres
Ana Mombiedro, Technical University of Madrid, University of Alicante
Sensory Cartographies: Drawing Architectural Atmospheres through the Body

17^{15}–18^{00} **Architectural flânerie**

18^{00}–19^{00} **Keynote lecture: Framing atmospheres**
Alberto Pérez-Gómez, McGill University
Architectural Atmospheres: A Historical Perspective

19^{00}–19^{15} **Discussion and questions**

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9^{00}–10^{15} **Workshop: Atmospheric storytelling**
Viktorija Bogdanova, Aalto University
Narrating in Section: Spoken Mapping of a Thin City

10^{15}–11^{30} **Workshop: Atmospheric photography**
Zoe Noceto, photographer, Genoa
Another Way of Telling:
Boxes for Transporting Appearances

11^{30}–12^{30} **Keynote lecture: Experimenting with atmospheres**
Zakaria Djebbara, Aalborg University, TU Berlin
Embodied Experiences of Atmosphere:
Insensible Perception

12^{30}–13^{00} **Research spotlight**
Martina Putzolu, University of Genoa
Atmospheric Perception:
A Neurophysiological Approach

13^{00}–14^{30} Lunch break
cloister and garden

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14^{30}–16^{30} **Panel: Designing atmospheres**
Marcello Bondavalli, Nicola Brenna, Studio Wok, Milan
Habitat
Camilla de Camilli, Università della Svizzera italiana
Tuning by Ear
Amanzio Farris, Politecnico di Milano
Grasping the Changing Atmosphere.
Design Explorations across Open and Enclosed Spaces

16^{30}–17^{30} **Keynote lecture: Questioning atmospheres**
Sarah Robinson, Aalborg University
A Resonant Model of Atmospheres

17^{30}–18^{00} **Discussion, questions, and next steps**

18^{00}–19^{00} **Walking lecture**
Ayla Schiappacasse, Florida International University
Study Abroad Program in Genoa
The Sphere and the Labyrinth

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Co-design and co-creation activities

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