

Gran Sasso Science Institute (Italy)

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Institution Information

Full time academic staff members	50
Part time staff members	
Staff members engaged in research	50
Staff members engaged in professional activities	

The Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI) is an international PhD school and a center for research and

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higher education. The PhD degree will be released jointly with prestigious educational institutions such as the post-graduate School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) of Trieste (Physics and Mathematics), the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa (Social Sciences) and the institute for advanced studies Institutions Markets Technologies (IMT) of Lucca (Computer Science).

Research and post-graduate study at the GSSI's Urban Studies Unit focus on the long-term development trajectories of 'territorial systems', and 'urban systems' in particular (cities, metropolitan areas, metropolitan regions).

The methodological perspective in research and teaching is genuinely trans-disciplinary. By supplying resources and an instrumental relational context, the GSSI fosters research projects and learning paths trespassing the boundaries of the single disciplines.

Scholars and researchers with a background in economics, anthropology, urban planning, architecture, sociology, political science and demography will find at the GSSI a relational context to work together in an attempt to enhance our understanding of the factors determining the long-term development trajectories of 'territorial systems' (cities, regions, macro-regions).

Research and learning at GSSI Cities is policy-oriented, with a strong emphasis on empirical inquiry. The first focal point of the activity is on the knowledge and analytical tools needed to perform exercise of explanatory forecasting of the development trajectories of urban systems in particular, and territorial systems in general. The second focal point is on evaluating the expected development trajectories, and on designing and implementing appropriate regulation policies.