

Introduction

SdT Scienze del Territorio is the online Journal issued by the “Società dei territorialisti” (*Territorialist Society*). The Journal aims at hosting innovative studies and proposals focused on territorial heritage, addressed at reconciling the broad range of views, approaches and meanings given to places and to territories, which since too long have been separated in different disciplines and institutional praxis. The meaning which is given to territory is here that of a common good, of a collective and shared “work of art”, resulting from the layering of ensuing acts of socio-spatial re-configurations. In the course of the time, the balance they reached, developing from local features and intrinsic settlement rationalities, has been related to a wise and respectful approach, as well as to a continuous and co-evolutive dialogue between nature and culture which generated cities, regions, agricultures, cultures, know-hows, knowledges, economies. Both research and action have to be improved in order to sustain planning and governance styles which re-start considering that wisdom. They are asked to be able to enhancing long-lasting knowledges and identities, within the present multiverse of needs and demands. They must be conceived as participatory and inclusive, and led to a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary reconstruction and strengthening of territorial sciences.

As an “identity code” of its approach, the Journal wish to become a field for gathering and mediation of theoretical thoughts, technical and local knowledges; so it aims at hosting scientific articles as well as contributions from local communities and institutional actors who are interested in sharing this approach, experimenting innovative projects and practices. Moreover, the Journal is intended as an observatory on innovative practices and as a place where they become the object of theoretical reflection, offering information, as well as conceptual and practical tools useful for active citizenship and institutions engaged in governing and/or in taking care of territories as common goods. The aim is to foster experience and knowledge exchange and, in a wider perspective, to promote continuing education and empowerment, by encouraging and strengthening ways of learning and self-learning.

The Journal is articulated into several sections, some directly selected through peer review by the Editor’s Scientific Advisory Board (“Visioni”/*Visions*, “Work in progress”, “Lecture”/*Readings*, “Dialogo sulle scienze del Territorio”/Dialogue on Territorial Science, and “Recensioni”/*Reviews*) while the other will come from an open Call for Papers (“Scienza in azione”/*Science in action*). This will be subjected to external peer review. It is issued twice a year and each number is conceived as monographic. while two sections remain independent from the topic of the issue: they are “Dialogo sulle scienze del Territorio”/Dialogue on Territorial Science, and “Recensioni”/*Reviews*.

Contributions are published in Italian, English and, in case, in the Author’s mother language too. That means that articles can be submitted in any of the European widely spoken languages (Italian, French, Spanish, English, German) providing an English translation.

The language would avoid hyper-specialisation in order to enable an effective dialogue among the different approaches.

“Visioni” (*Visions*) proposes large perspectives on the selected topic, with experts' essays together with papers by - or interviews with - privileged actors experiencing active citizenship and/or institutional innovative processes. This section would also come with “Sullo sfondo” (*On the background*), a sub-section with shorter contributions written by experts, whose aims is to providing a conceptual, quantitative framework, as well as some temporal coordinates, for a better understanding of the topic.

"*Work in progress*" contains innovative practices not yet formalized or institutionalized. This section will host scientific papers providing a brief description of projects and case studies, which can be submitted in form of articles, interviews, reports.

"Scienza in azione" (*Science in action*) hosts articles submitted through the Call for Papers, which must be related to the topic of each issue. They are asked to contribute in advancing territorial sciences in a multidisciplinary perspective. This section contains both theoretical contributions and case studies, showing the different approaches to the topic offered by the scientific community, the systematization proposals, and the more interesting operational tools available for handling the issue both for active citizenship and institutions.

"Letture" (*Readings*) contains reviews of books relevant to the topic, either recently published or not.

"Dialogo sulle Scienze del Territorio" (*Dialogue on Territorial Science*) will present reflections on the "state of the art" and the multidisciplinary advancement of territorial science, starting from one single discipline or from "clusters" of them. Contributions may assume the form of articles and essays, and may either be theoretical, and operational/methodological (presenting the results of advanced interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary research programmes); they may be sent to the Editors at any time, regardless of their topic.

"Recensioni" (*Reviews*) contains "usual" reviews of books and papers dealing with subjects related to territorial sciences. They have to be previously sent for review to Journal's Editors.
