

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN TERRITORY, RISK AND PUBLIC POLICIES

Citizenship and Risk Governance (8 ECTS)

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Objectives

To develop a critical approach of the risk regulation regimes, with special emphasis on the logic articulation between the supra-national institutions and national and local spaces. To analyse the available concepts and instruments for the characterization of global risks and emerging risks, and the way in which the existing analytical and methodological frameworks embody risk governance forms that enhance, or not, participation and integrated definition of public policies development practices.

Programmatic content

As analytical axes, the socio-political, economic and legal approaches will be privileged, with special attention to the national and international case studies providing a multi-scale perspective of risk management processes and of its territorial inscription. The relation between risk regulation regimes, the preferential risk governance forms and the underlying conceptions of citizenship will be object of reflection. The risk regulation regimes and the occurrence of extreme events pose a particular challenge to the current notions of democracy and citizenship, therefore demanding new theoretical and epistemological reflections producing alternative processes of intervention within the public sphere. The complex issue of public participation will also be approached, as well as the citizens mobilization procedures around issues connected to risk and to the ways in which the moral and political dilemma faced everyday are dealt.

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