

Grounded Theory and Qualitative Methods

International Summer School

University of Pisa

6-10 June 2016

<http://sites.sp.unipi.it/grounded-theory>

The Department of Political Sciences, University of Pisa, invites you to attend the **International Summer School on Grounded Theory and Qualitative Methods**, under the sponsorship of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI).

We are pleased to introduce you the most renowned scholars in the Grounded Theory - Qualitative Research traditions, coming from U.S. and European Universities, such as **Prof. Kathy Charmaz** and **Prof. David Altheide**. You will learn and live for some days in a historically rich, stimulating and welcoming town.

It will be a five-day, intensive course mainly devoted to introducing participants to Grounded Theory and Qualitative Methods with a practical approach and with the aim of giving answer to questions such as “*how to do research*”, “*how to collect, analyse and interpret qualitative data*”, “*how to write a research report*” basing on your findings.

Join us at the Summer School and be an active learner in our classes and in our collaborative groups. Meet interesting people you can interact with and discuss topics of your own interest concerning qualitative methods and how to give answer to your daily research problems.



Contents of the Summer School

Qualitative researchers often experience common problems such as getting lost after collecting and coding data, overlooking possibilities for developing their ideas, and producing disjointed and mundane reports. Grounded Theory methods help you expedite analyzing your data and writing your report. This Summer School focuses on improving your skills in using Grounded Theory strategies to help you increase the incisiveness, clarity, and creativity of your work. These course will help you retain the flexibility of Grounded Theory while furthering the conceptual depth and scope of your analysis. We will emphasize how to (1) develop and recognize powerful codes, (2) engage in comparative analysis, (3) strengthen your emergent conceptual categories, and (4) integrate these categories into a coherent and compelling report, (5) satisfy quality in qualitative analysis, (6) communicate your findings and (7) deal with CAQDAS to improve your analyses. We will also address the fit between Grounded Theory and Symbolic Interactionism and how the method and perspective complement each other.

The Summer School best serves participants who are in the midst of a qualitative research project or have engaged in qualitative coding for an earlier study, whether or not it was a Grounded Theory study. If possible, participants should bring data from a present or past research project to work on during the class.

Qualitative reportage relies on art and science - image and analysis. Yet analysis does not stop when we move to drafting our reports. We will briefly discuss how to create an artful rendering of your work that increases the power of your analysis. We will also cover strategies for developing arguments, writing literature reviews and theoretical frameworks, and constructing abstracts, titles, and introductions.

We will use a free, multi-platform, simple software to learn how to support analysis with computers; furthermore, each day we'll reserve a special room to freely speak and discuss about our own experiences in qualitative research, in special sessions called *Group work and "participants' corner"*.

You will actively attend a **Workshop** on "**Qualitative research traditions in Europe**", to understand advancements and developments of qualitative methods in european academic and professional environments.

TEACHERS

Prof. Kathy Charmaz
Sonoma State University

Prof. David Altheide,
Arizona State University

Prof. Andrea Salvini
University of Pisa

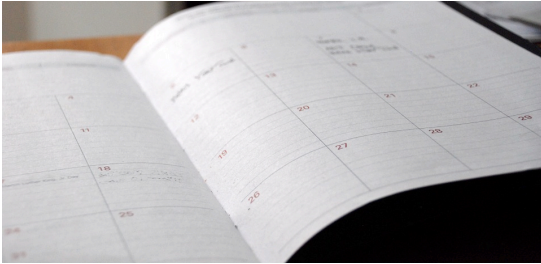
KEY SPEAKERS AT THE WORKSHOP

Prof. Robert Dingwall,
Nottingham Trent University
Prof. Vessela Misheva,
University of Uppsala
Prof. Emma Engdahl,
University of Gothenburg
Prof. Thaddeus Müller,
Lancaster University
Prof. Michael Dellwing,
University of Kassel

LANGUAGE: English

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Here you will find detailed information on the Program; how we will work, meet and learn together how to do Grounded Theory

Our teachers:
Prof. Kathy Charmaz
Prof. David Altheide,
Prof. Andrea Salvini
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10-12 How to apply

Here you will find informations on how to attend the Course. Take notes of these essential points:

Language: **English**
FEE: see p.10

Unipi will acknowledge **6 ECTS**

60-80 seats

Deadline for application: **April 15, 2016**

Facilities: Canteen, wi-fi, bar

Fill the application form (p. 15)

Bring your own laptop with you! (p.11)

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You will find a suggested bibliography on Grounded Theory and Qualitative Methods
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At the end, you will find the application form to fill and send to secure your seat at the Summer School
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Check the Summer School website to stay up to date:

<http://sites.sp.unipi.it/grounded-theory>

Monday, 6th June



First Day

h. 9:15 Prof. Andrea Salvini

Presentation of the Summer School

h. 9:30 Prof. Kathy Charmaz

Interviewing and Grounded Theory:

Defining Grounded Theory

Defining Intensive Interviewing

Constructing Good Questions

Do's and Don'ts of Intensive Interviewing

Exercise in Revising Interview Questions and Small Group Discussion

h. 12:30 Lunch

on your own - Canteen of the University of Pisa

h. 14:30 Prof. Kathy Charmaz

Initial Grounded Theory Coding:

Overview—The nature and logic of grounded theory coding

Exercise 1 in Initial Coding—Use data for this class

Coding in groups—Compare codes with group members

h. 16:30 Break

h. 16:45 Group work and “participants’ corner”

Get to know each other and talk a little bit of ourselves and about your own research interests. Speaking freely about problems and difficulties in carrying out a qualitative research starting on your experiences. Exchanging informations, bibliography and references. Preparing questions to address the teachers the next day.

(chair: Prof. Andrea Salvini)

h. 18:45 End of the day

▼ Pisa, The Leaning Tower



**Tuesday,
7th June**

Second Day

h. 9:30 Prof. Kathy Charmaz

Exercise 2 in Initial Coding—Use data for this class or your own data

Exercise 3 in Initial Coding—Use data for this class or your own data

Comparing Codes

Overview—Focused Coding

Exercise in Focused Coding

h. 12:30 Lunch

on your own - Canteen of the University of Pisa

h. 14:30 Prof. Kathy Charmaz

Overview: Memo Writing

Prewriting Exercise

Practice Memo Writing

Raising Codes to Categories

Prewriting Exercise

Exercise—Memo Writing

Raising the Level of Abstraction through Memo Writing

h. 16:30 Break

h. 16:45 Group work and “participants’ corner”

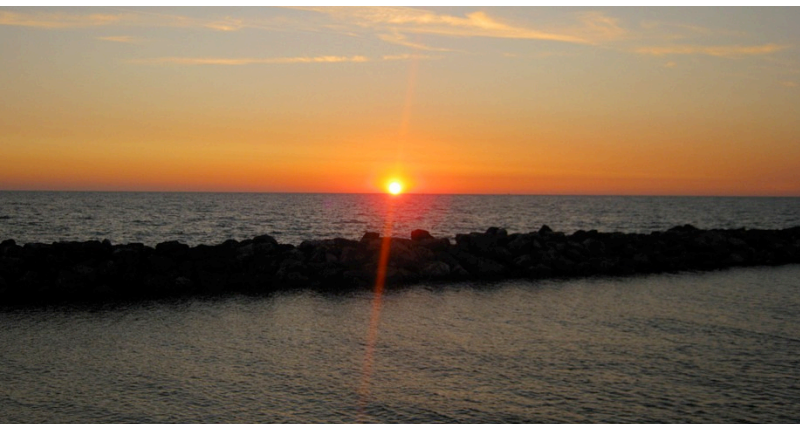
Speaking freely about problems and difficulties in carrying out a qualitative research starting on your experiences. Presenting your doubts and questions to participants and try to give answer. Exchanging informations, bibliography and references.

Preparing questions to address the teachers the next days.

(chair: Prof. Andrea Salvini)

h. 18,45 End of the day

▼ Sunset in June, Marina di Pisa



Wednesday, 8th June



▼ Plan a visit to Florence...



Third Day

h. 9:30 Prof. Kathy Charmaz

Theoretical Sampling, Saturation, and Sorting

The Logic of Theoretical Sampling

Achieving Theoretical Saturation

Exercise for Theoretical Sampling and Saturation—Examine a promising code or category you developed in one of the exercises above and outline what you could do to saturate it

Conducting Theoretical Sorting

Exercise in Theoretical Sorting —Review your codes and/or categories and sort them until they fit together in a conceptual analysis (using clustering, diagraming, or post-it notes can help)

Using Grounded Theory in Social Justice Research

h. 12:30 Lunch

on your own - Canteen of the University of Pisa

h. 14:30 Prof. Kathy Charmaz

Ontological and Epistemological Questions in Grounded Theory

A Brief Introduction to Symbolic Interactionism

Practice Exercise—Seeing Data with Symbolic Interactionism

Summary/Discussion of the Class

Evaluation of Class

h. 16:30 Break

h. 16:45 Group works and “participants’ corner”

Bringing your laptop and install the software “RQDA” we’ll use on Friday morning to see analysis in action. Starting using RQDA and learning its basic functions to analyse qualitative data.

Exchanging information on CAQDAS

(chair: Prof. Andrea Salvini)

h. 18:45 End of the day

Thursday, 9th June



▼ Pisa, Rectorate and Department of Political Sciences - in front of Arno River



Fourth Day

h. 9:30 Prof. David Altheide

Everyday Life, Culture, Time and Place

Theory/Context of Qualitative Research:

The Reflexive Turn in Social Science: Dealing with ‘Validity’

Symbolic Interaction: Meanings and Perspective: Discovery and Learning to See

(Teamwork on interview guidelines and observational checklists)

Triangulation: Interactive Multiple Methods

Personal Involvement and Interviewing

Focused and Open-Ended Interview

Observational Analysis and Dramaturgy

Field Notes, Reflective Data Collection and Coding

h. 12:30 Lunch

on your own - Canteen of the University of Pisa

h. 14:30 Prof. David Altheide

(Documents--news, movies, social media—will be studied in groups)

Document Analysis: Qualitative Media Analysis

Protocol Construction and Use

Emergent Coding and Analysis

(Seminar discussion using members’ preliminary research)

Writing the Qualitative Report: General Guidelines

Dissertation—working with your Committee

Methodological Appendix

Publishing Qualitative Research

h. 16:30 Break

h. 16:45 Group work and “participants’ corner”

Bringing your laptop and learning advanced function in RQDA to analyse qualitative data (Coding, Memoing and Categorizing).

(chair: Prof. Andrea Salvini)

h. 18:45 End of the day

Friday, 10th June



▼ Participants to the 2014 Workshop on Qualitative Data Analysis (in Italian). University of Pisa



Fifth Day

h. 9:30 Prof. Andrea Salvini

How to analyse qualitative data with CAQDAS

RQDA in action: coding and categorizing using an interview text.

Visualising codes and categories: towards theory building

h. 12:30 Lunch

on your own - Canteen of the University of Pisa

**h. 14:30-17:30 Workshop on:
“Qualitative research traditions in Europe”**

Prof. Robert Dingwall, Nottingham Trent University

Prof. Vessela Misheva, University of Uppsala

Prof. Emma Engdahl, University of Gothenburg

Prof. Thaddeus Müller, Lancaster University

Prof. Michael Dellwing, University of Kassel

Discussion

h. 18:15 Farewell buffet

How to apply and additional informations



Where

University of Pisa
Polo Didattico “Piagge”
Room N2

Via Giacomo Matteotti 3 - Pisa
Tel.: +39 050 2216194

See logistic information (p.13)

Participants

**A max number of 60
participants - that can be
eventually increased to 80**

Please see the Summer
School Website to check seats
availability.

Fees

470 euro: Professors, Researchers, Professionals (enrolled in Universities, Institutions and Companies)

420 euro: PHD Students

360 euro: Undergraduate and Postgraduate students

Late registration additional fee (after April 15, 2016): 50 euro

Fee includes course materials and Farewell dinner. Travel, accommodation and food are on your own expense.

Bank transfer to the following account:

Università di Pisa

Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche

Banca di Pisa e Fornacette-Credito Cooperativo

IBAN: IT73N0856270910000011156627

BIC/SWIFT CODE BCCFIT33

Reason for payment: Summer School on “Grounded Theory and Qualitative Methods”.

Application deadline: April 15, 2016

Use the application form you’ll find at page 15 and send it to either email addresses of the organizers:

irene.psaroudakis@sp.unipi.it

guido.ferrini@unipi.it

Send the application form together with the copy of the bank transfer receipt

The requests will be accepted according to the date of arrival, while seats last. A confirmation email will be sent after receiving the application.

You will find the available seats on the Summer School website, that will be updated daily.

<http://sites.sp.unipi.it/grounded-theory>

Additional Informations



CREDITS

At the beginning of the Summer School you will receive a Student ID, as you will be enrolled at University of Pisa for the Summer School period. University of Pisa will acknowledge 6 ECTS to each participant.

LAPTOPS

Please, bring your own laptop with you. We will provide a wi-fi access for the five-day Summer School.

The EDUROAM wi-fi network is always available.

We will use computers to install and work with CAQDAS, that will help us in analysing qualitative data.

CANTEEN - UNIVERSITY OF PISA

You will have the access to the Canteen of the University of Pisa at a very low price.



Our teachers



Kathy Charmaz

Kathy Charmaz is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Faculty Writing Program at Sonoma State University. In the latter position, she leads seminars for faculty to help them complete their research and scholarly writing. She has written, co-authored, or co-edited fourteen books including *Good Days, Bad Days: The Self in Chronic Illness and Time*, which won awards from the Pacific Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Professor Charmaz has served as President of the Pacific Sociological Association, President and Vice-President of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Vice-President of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honorary for sociology, Editor of “Symbolic Interaction”, and Chair of the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association. She has received the 2001 Feminist Mentors Award and the 2006 George Herbert Mead award for lifetime achievement from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. She lectures and leads workshops on Grounded Theory, qualitative methods, medical sociology, and Symbolic Interactionism around the globe.



David Altheide

David Altheide, PhD, is Regents’ Professor Emeritus on the faculty of Justice and Social Inquiry in the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University, where he taught for 37 years. His work has focused on the role of mass media and information technology in social control. His most recent books are *Media Edge: Media Logic and Social Reality* (Lang, 2014), *Qualitative Media Analysis* (2nd Edition, Sage, 2012) and *Terror Post 9/11 and the Media* (Lang, 2009). Dr. Altheide received the Cooley Award three times, given to the outstanding book in Symbolic Interaction, from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction; the 2005 George Herbert Mead Award for lifetime contributions from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, and the society’s Mentor Achievement Award in 2007. In fall 2012 he was a Fulbright Specialist in Germany (Zeppelin University) and a Distinguished Research Professor in Australia (Law Faculty, University of New South Wales).



Andrea Salvini

Andrea Salvini, PhD, is Associate Professor of Methodology of Social Research at the Department of Political Sciences, University of Pisa. His main research interests deal with processes of data analysis, especially in qualitative methods and Grounded Theory. On these topics he has published his last book, *Percorsi di analisi dei dati qualitativi* (Utet, 2015). He devoted more than ten years to theoretical and empirical research on voluntary organizations and social network analysis on which he wrote several articles and essays, such as *Symbolic Interactionism and Social Network Analysis. An Uncertain Encounter* (2010), *Volontariato come interazione* (2012).

In 2010 he organized the first European conference of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction and he is now the President of the EUSSSI Board.

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Pisa Airport

Pisa Airport is located at 10 minutes by bus from Railway Station. Take the Red LAM:

http://www.pisa-airport.com/aeroporto_di_pisa_211.html

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Railway Station

From the Railway Station you can rapidly reach downtown, the leaning tower and "Polo Piagge". You can choose to go by feet or by bus.

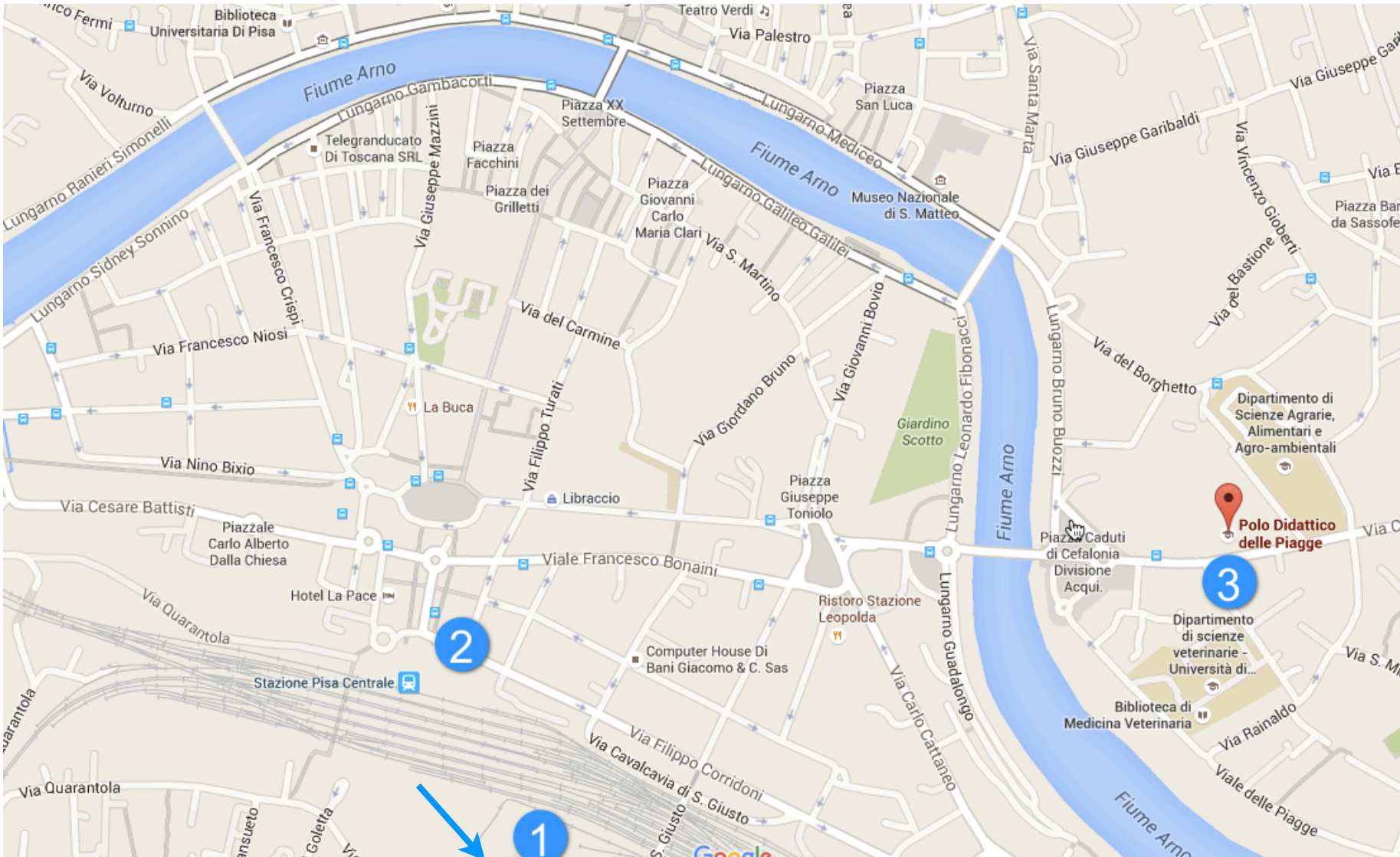
<http://www.pisa.ctnord.it>

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Polo Didattico "Piagge"

To reach the Polo Piagge, take the BLU LAM from the Railway Station (8 min) or choose to have a walk (about 20 minutes).

<http://www.pisa.ctnord.it>



Summer School Locations



Accommodation

If you're looking for a cheap accommodation, we suggest to contact - as soon as possible to secure a room:

Residence “Le Benedettine”
http://it.residence.unipi.it/home_it/

Casa San Tommaso
<http://www.paimturismo.it/it/le-strutture-paim-turismo/casa-san-tommaso-pisa.html>

Bed & Breakfast in Pisa
<http://www.bed-and-breakfast.it/it/pisa>

You can also find many bed & breakfast browsing internet in downtown Pisa or in the wonderful surroundings.

If you arrive by car, we suggest you:

La Sterpaia
<http://www.paimturismo.it/it/le-strutture-paim-turismo/hotel-casale-la-sterpaia-ostello.html>

APPLICATION FORM

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This form should be completed in all its parts and it should be sent to both the following email addresses: irene.psaroudakis@sp.unipi.it; guido.ferrini@unipi.it

Personal Information

Name and Surname _____
Nationality _____
Address _____
ZIP code _____
City _____
Country _____
e-mail _____
Phone number _____

Institution/Company Information

University/Company affiliation

Address _____
ZIP code _____
City _____
Country _____
VAT number/ _____
Phone/Fax number _____

Invoice details (please select one)

Private participant

Name and Surname _____
Place and date of birth _____
Fiscal Code _____
VAT number/Registration number _____
Fiscal Address (Address, ZIP Code, City, Country)

Phone/Fax
number _____
e-mail _____

University/Company affiliation

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Processing of personal data (Italian Legislative Decree 30/06/2003 n. 196): Information and consent

We wish to inform you that personal data provided for conference registration will be processed by the University of Pisa, according to Article 13 of the mentioned Legislative Decree. Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure personal data security and confidentiality, in accordance with the above regulations. Collected data will be only used for administrative tasks and notes and they will not be shared with third party. You can exercise your rights under Article 7 of Legislative Decree 196/03 applying to University of Pisa - Department of Political Sciences, Via Serafini, 3, 56126, Pisa (Italy).

The undersigned, by communicating his/her data, agrees to the processing of his/her data by the University of Pisa - Department of Political Sciences. By communicating his/her data, the undersigned further states that he/she is duly informed of the provisions of Italian Legislative Decree 196/03.

Date _____ Signature _____

Suggested Bibliography

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If you want to know something more about our teachers:

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The SSSI Website

<https://sites.google.com/site/sssinteraction/>

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