

Elisabetta Canepa

Fixed-Term Assistant Professor [\[2025.06\]](#)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

[2019](#)

PhD in Architecture and Design

PhD Program in Architecture, 30th cycle, CEAR-09/A: Architectural and Urban Design
Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

[2013](#)

Master's Degree in Building Engineering and Architecture

Five-year program, LM-4 degree class
Department of Civil, Chemical and Environmental Engineering, University of Genoa

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

[2025-ongoing](#)

Fixed-Term Assistant Professor

CEAR-09/A: Architectural and Urban Design
Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

[2025-ongoing](#)

Principal investigator, AURA project

"Affective Unities: A Site-Specific Research on Architectural Atmospheres"
Young Researchers 2024 call, MSCA track
Funded by the European Union (NextGenEU, NRRP, Italian Ministry of University and Research)
Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

[2024-ongoing](#)

Adjunct Professor

Instructor ("The Architecture of the City") + studio critic
Architecture Study Abroad Program in Genoa, Florida International University (Miami, FL, USA)

[2022-ongoing](#)

Adjunct Professor

Instructor ("Topics in Architecture") + studio critic
Department of Architecture, Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS, USA)

[2021-2024](#)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) Fellow, RESONANCES project

"Architectural Atmospheres: The Emotional Impact of Ambiances
Measured through Conscious, Bodily, and Neural Responses"
MSCA Individual Fellowship 2020 call, Global track
Funded by the European Union (Horizon 2020, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions)
Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

2021

Visiting researcher

Guest post-doctoral researcher

Department of Architecture, Design and Media Technology, Aalborg University (Denmark)

2019–ongoing

Faculty member

Master's Program in Neuroscience Applied to Architectural Design (NAAD)

Iuav University of Venice

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024–ongoing

Instructor

Architectural Design Studio 2, 1st term (course code 107022), 5 ECTS credits

Academic Years: 2024–2025, 2025–2026

CEAR-09/A: Architectural and Urban Design

Bachelor's Degree in Architectural Sciences, L-17 degree class

Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

EXPERIENCE

MAIN SEMINARS (2020–2025)

2025.06 Embodying Visual Culture: A Multidisciplinary Inquiry

Keynote speaker: "Dwelling as Feeling: Embodied Encounters with Spaces"

International conference organized by Michele Cometa and Vittorio Gallese

PhD Program in Visual Culture, University of Palermo

2025.06 Quadri per Giancarlo De Carlo

Symposium organized by Alberto Bertagna, Elisabetta Canepa, and Valter Scelsi

Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

2025.05 IDEA 2025 Conference: Drawing as a Tool to Investigate, Communicate, and Express Emotions

Member of the organizing and scientific committee + speaker: "Spazio, corpo e percezione.

Il disegno come strumento di rappresentazione e analisi dell'immisurabile in architettura"

Symposium organized by the Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

Dipartimento Architettura e Design, Università degli Studi di Genova

2025.02 Atmospheres and Architectonics

Peer-reviewed speaker: "Beyond the Threshold: The Poetics of Entryways"

International conference organized by Aurosa Alison and Bálint Veres

Doctoral School, Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design, Budapest, Hungary

2024–2025 Il Maestro e Margherita. Mercoledì sera al museo tra libri e architetture

Lecture series organized by Elisabetta Canepa

Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

Museum of Sant'Agostino, Genoa

2024.12 Idee di città

Invited speaker: "Genova, città immaginaria"

Conference organized by Sara Marini

Department of Design Cultures, Iuav University of Venice

2024.11 Atmospheres of Places, Objects, and Events

Keynote speaker: "The Changing Essence of Atmospheres

in Landscape and Architecture" with Paola Sabbion

International conference organized by ATMOS and PEA research groups

Department of Antiquities, Philosophy and History, University of Genoa

2024.10 5th International Congress on Ambiances

Peer-reviewed speaker: "Memories and Atmospheres" with Valter Scelsi

International conference organized by the International Ambiances Network

in collaboration with Lusófona University and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

Lusófona University, Lisbon, Portugal

2024.06 Ex-Mind: Models for the Design of the Human Environment

Invited speaker: "Embodied Cognition in Architectural Design"

International conference organized by the Department of Architecture of the "Gabriele d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara in collaboration with the Department of Psychological Sciences, Health and Territory, the Department of Philosophical, Pedagogical and Economic-Quantitative Sciences, and the Department of Neuroscience, Imaging and Clinical Sciences

Fabbrica delle idee, Pescara

2024.06 Cognitive Futures in the Arts and Humanities: From 4E to 5E Cognition

Peer-reviewed speaker: "Feeling and Remembering Architecture:

How Embodied Atmospheres Amplify Emotions and Prime Memories, Illustrated through the Baroque Spaces and the 20th-Century Exhibition Design of Palazzo Rosso in Genoa"

International conference organized by the Interdepartmental research center for

Neurocognitive and Humanistic Studies, University of Catania

Department of Humanities, University of Catania

2024.03 IDEA 2024 Conference: Manual vs Automated Creative Process

Member of the organizing and scientific committee + speaker:

"Emilio Ambasz, Residence-au-Lac: Atmosfere, emozioni e realtà virtuale"

Symposium organized by the Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

Dipartimento Architettura e Design, Università degli Studi di Genova

2023.11 Brain Principles and Urban Design: Memory and Emotions

Invited speaker: "Memory | Emotions | Human Environment"

International conference organized by Alain Berthoz, Francois Pitti, Davide Ruzzon

Iuav University of Venice

2023.11 Le parole e le forme

Organizing committee member and peer-reviewed speaker:

"Atmosfera" with Valter Scelsi

10th Forum ProArch

Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa

2023.09 ANFA 2023 Conference: Architecture through the Lens of Neuroscience

Peer-reviewed speaker: "First Impressions: Conscious and Nonconscious Responses to Atmospheric Primes in Architectural Space" with Zakaria Djebbara, Kutay Güler, Luca Andrighetto, Irene Schiavetti, Andrea Jelić, and Bob Condia
International conference organized by the Academy of Neuroscience for Architecture (ANFA)
University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA, USA

2023.06 EDRA 54th Conference: Environment and Health

Peer-reviewed speaker: "The Emotional Atmospheres ATLAS: A Database of Architectural Experiences Surveyed through Arousal and Valence" with Kutay Güler and Bob Condia
International conference organized by the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA)
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico city, Mexico

2023.04 IDEA 2023 Conference: Investigating Design in Architecture

Member of the promoting committee + speaker: "Architecture as Atmosphere"
Symposium organized by the Department of Architecture and Design, University of Genoa
Dipartimento Architettura e Design, Università degli Studi di Genova

2023.03 Designing Atmospheres: Theory and Science

International symposium organized by Elisabetta Canepa and Bob Condia
College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, USA

2023.03 Neurophenomenology and Sacred Architecture

Invited speaker: "First Impressions: Capturing the Ineffable Nature of Architectural Atmospheres" + "Resonance and Attunement: How to Apply Phenomenology and Neuroscience to the Study of the Priming Potential of Architectural Atmospheres"
International conference organized by Julio Bermudez
School of Architecture and Planning, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, USA

2022.04 Generators of Architectural Atmosphere

International symposium organized by Elisabetta Canepa and Bob Condia
College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, USA

2021.11 Elements of Atmosphere

International research seminar organized by Elisabetta Canepa and Andrea Jelić
Department of Architecture, Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgio

2021.09 ANFA 2021 Conference: Quantified Buildings, Quantified Self

Peer-reviewed speaker: "The Language of Data in the Exhibition Discourse: Intertwining Architects, Curators, Artists, Scientists, and Users" with Chiara Centanaro and Valeria Minucciani
International conference organized by the Academy of Neuroscience for Architecture (ANFA)
University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA, USA

2021.06 Conversations on Corporeal Architecture

Invited speaker: "Atmospheric Phenomenography"
International lecture series organized by Maria da Piedade Ferreira
Stuttgart Technology University of Applied Sciences, Stuttgart, Germany

2020 History of the Future. Brevi racconti di architettura contemporanea genovese

Lecture series organized by Vittoria Bonini, Elisabetta Canepa, and Valter Scelsi
Department of Civil, Chemical and Environmental Engineering, University of Genoa

**SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS ACCEPTED FOR FUNDING
ON THE BASIS OF COMPETITIVE CALLS INVOLVING PEER REVIEW**

2025-ongoing Principal investigator, AURA project

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**TEACHING OR RESEARCH POSITIONS (FELLOWSHIPS)
AT FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES**

2025-03 Guest Professor

Architecture Workshop Week (AWW), 2nd edition: “Create the Mess”

Intensive architectural design workshop and lecture

Faculty of Architecture, Academy of Fine Arts in Gdańsk, Gdańsk, Poland

**EDITORSHIP OR PARTICIPATION IN EDITORIAL BOARDS OF JOURNALS, PUBLISHING SERIES,
ENCYCLOPAEDIAS, AND TREATISES**

2022-ongoing Member of the Scientific committee, “Interfaces” editorial series

Editor-in-Chief: Bob Condia

The series features contributions exploring how design disciplines engage with theories
of mind and neuroscientific discoveries

Manhattan, KS: New Prairie Press

2020-ongoing Scientific director, “Contemporary Genoese Architecture Guides” editorial series

Edited by Vittoria Bonini, Elisabetta Canepa, and Valter Scelsi

The series features monographic studies of twentieth-century buildings in Genoa,
supported by original documents, archival sources, and photographs by Francesca Iovene

Genoa: Sagep

**PRIZES AND ACCOLADES FOR SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY
INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIES**

2023-ongoing Academy of Neuroscience for Architecture (ANFA)

Member of the Advisory Council

Co-director of the ANFA Italian Chapter with Sarah Robinson and Davide Ruzzon

Co-director of the Fundraising Portfolio with Sergei Gepshtein

Member of the Examination committee for the

“John Paul Eberhard Student Design Competition: Discourse” (2024)

San Diego, CA, USA

2023-2024 Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA)

Affiliate member

2022- ongoing Architecture, Culture, and Spirituality Forum (ACSF)

Affiliate member

2022-ongoing International Ambiances Network (IAN)

Affiliate member

[2022–ongoing](#) Atmospheric Spaces (AS)
Affiliate member

[2020–ongoing](#) ProArch: Italian Scientific Society of Architectural Design Professors
Junior member (2020–2025), full member (since 2025)
Member of the Research committee (since 2025)
Rome

[2020–ongoing](#) ANFA Center for Education (ACE)
Affiliate member
San Diego, CA, USA