

Expedition fund report (Summer 2023)

Summer school of Governing Climate Resilient Cities. Challenges, Opportunities and Best Practices at the University of Pisa.

I am immensely grateful for the support I received from the QMUL Expedition Fund, which significantly contributed to my exploration of interdisciplinary aspects of sustainable development. The grant facilitated my attendance at the University of Pisa's five-day summer school on "Governing Climate Resilient Cities: Challenges, Opportunities, and Best Practices."

In collaboration with UN Habitat, University of Paris "Sorbonne," University of Naples "Federico II," and the Urban Climate Change Research Network (UCCRN), the program offered a diverse and inclusive environment. This inclusivity allowed me to engage in valuable networking opportunities and exchange ideas with participants from various backgrounds.

The summer school focused on addressing governance challenges arising from climate change in urban and metropolitan areas, emphasizing effective strategies for governing climate-resilient cities. Despite the intensive nature of the program, with numerous lectures compressed into five days, it served as an excellent platform to deepen my understanding of the subject matter.



One highlight was the chance to meet professors from partner universities, enhancing the richness of the learning experience. Among the lectures, those discussing the funding of sustainable cities stood out for me, aligning directly with my research interests.

In addition to the academic aspects, the program featured a delightful school dinner at a charming Italian restaurant, providing a unique opportunity to savor the fantastic Italian cuisine in the company of fellow participants. The culmination of the program involved participants sharing key takeaways, fostering a collaborative learning environment.

Beyond the summer school, I seized the opportunity to explore major tourist attractions in Italy, immerse myself in the local cuisine, and embrace the cultural experiences the country had to offer.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Expedition Fund for making it possible for me to travel to Pisa and participate in this enriching summer school, creating lasting memories and contributing to my academic and personal growth.

