

Call for participation:

Exploring the geographies of the Mediterranean urban night

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Past centuries have seen the progressive colonization of the urban night by a growing number of economic, social and cultural activities, leading to some historians to talk about a ‘nocturnalization’ of western society (Koslofsky, 2011). The urban night has received limited attention in the social sciences, however. Only in recent decades this has gradually started to change and a growing number of studies have begun to question the dynamics that characterize the urban night in the contemporary city. In the Anglo-Saxon literature, from the 1990s onwards, the initial focus was on the increasing importance of leisure activities and alcohol consumption. More recently, the term ‘night-time economy’ has served to illustrate the links between nightlife, profitability and inter-urban competitiveness (Roberts and Eldridge, 2009). The study of the urban night has become progressively enriched and new research fronts have opened, such as temporal urban planning (Mallet, 2014), geographies of light pollution (Challéat, 2010), the relation between NTE and gentrification (Nofre et al., forthcoming) and the urban night and climate change. However, while these developments have affected most European countries, the existing literature has focused primarily on Northern Europe. The Mediterranean region, including Italy, has been seldom considered. In this context, there is a need to explore how the status of the urban night has changed in the Mediterranean region, especially from the perspective of Italian geographers. We are looking for cross-disciplinary and transnational papers that freely and openly discuss theoretical, conceptual and empirical results related to the changing status of urban night. Particular attention will be given to transnational papers that offer a comparative analysis among different Mediterranean areas or between the Mediterranean region and other parts of Europe .

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Abstracts:

Those interested in participating are requested to submit a 3000 characters abstract online (<http://www.congressogeografico.it/sessione/s06/>), clicking on “proponi un abstract” no later than 25 February 2017.

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