

## Alessandra Terenzi

Architect, Adjunct Professor at the School of Civil Architecture of the Politecnico di Milano and researcher at UNIMED (Mediterranean Universities Union) on urban studies in the fields of Mediterranean and Middle East.

In 2006, she graduated in Architecture and in 2012 achieved her PhD in Architecture Composition with a thesis on territorial transformations and the different settlement processes that occurred during the last century in the Eastern Mediterranean context, particularly in Palestine and Israel.

Her research activity, conducted both independently and through working with students, is focused primarily on issues related to the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

In 2012, she won through public competition an annual research grant as Research Fellow at the Politecnico di Milano, titled "*Urban and Territorial Planning, the phenomena of landscape transformation*".

She discusses her research topics at numerous national and international conferences in various Countries, including Libya, Israel, Jordan, the West Bank, Turkey, Lebanon, Bosnia & Herzegovina, England, Greece. Author of a book, titled: *Journey to the Levant. Urban structures, peoples and landscapes* (Araba Fenice, 2016, <http://www.arabafenicelibri.it/scheda-libro/alessandra-terenzi/viaggio-in-levante-9788866173335-329722.html>) and of several papers periodically published on books and scientific journals. Currently she is working on research projects in Israel and Palestine, as well as in other areas of the Near and Middle East.

At the Macro town planning Lab of the Politecnico di Milano, School of Architecture - PLANIS - she is researcher in the fields of urban planning and design, landscape, mobility and territorial transformations, operating in different areas, also including China and Pakistan, where she went for research projects commissioned by the Municipal Bureau of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, Huizhou (province of Guangdong, Cina) and by the Municipal Bureau of Multan City (province of Punjab, Pakistan).

She teaches in two Laboratories of Urban Design and Planning at the Politecnico, Faculty of Civil Architecture: one of the third year - of which she is the owner - and one of the fourth year, where she is Co-Tutor of several Master Degree projects concerning the Mediterranean port cities.

She has collaborated in the design for Road & transportation Masterplan in Gaza and the West Bank, funded by The European Union (Systematica advice at Spa).

Currently she is Member of the international scientific team of research and project for the three years project titled: "*Heritage at war in the Mediterranean region*" (responsible for the work on the area of Palestine). Project financed by the Urban Observatory of the Department of Contemporary

Studies at the French Institute of the Near East (IFPO); the Agence Universitaire pour la Francophonie (AUF).

She collaborates with several research centers for creating infographics maps on geopolitical issues related to the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern territories (including: the *Budapest Centre for the International Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities*).