The decline of civic consciousness – understood as the awareness of one's rights and duties – is a fact largely documented in literature that is of concern to the more serious cultural and educational institutions. Not only do an increasing number of citizens in democratic countries display a dangerous indifference to the duties of loyalty, solidarity and commitment emblematic of a mature civil consciousness, there are no projects to train teachers of civic education.

This is a decline that could undermine the very basis of the democratic relationship that binds the citizen to the institutions, the origins of which may be found in the profound transformation that words such as politics, participation, competence, solidarity are undergoing in their meaning. Furthermore, even the more traditional instruments of analysis struggle to interpret this situation. A problem this complex, that raises cultural, economic, social and technological issues, can only be addressed with an innovative approach that brings to the table all the tools of design and interpretation that the various disciplines can contribute. This is the principle of consilience, a convergence of multidisciplinary research and projects, that draws greater strength and capacity for action from the diverse points of view and the different methodologies from which they originate. The conference Designing Civic Consciousness, curated by University of San Marino, therefore gathers philosophers, historians and designers who share a determination to give their contribution to defining “civic education” practices, relying on the tools of thought and design.

Design has always developed a keen awareness of the social consequences involved in the development of projects and the sustainability of products and communication. Many are the appeals and manifestos in recent decades, especially in times of crisis, that have called attention to the need for designers to consider the social and hence “political” responsibility of a professional category dedicated to design. Today, as institutions and the very concept of democracy as we have grown to understand it are facing a future of deep crisis, it has become all the more urgent for designers to be trained to shape their design contribution in a conscious and well-informed manner.
An academic curriculum that promotes “design for social innovation”, with design practices geared towards the community and the public sector – service design, design thinking, open source, user experience design, civic hacking, etc. – thus becomes an essential measure in dealing with the complexity of the current crisis.

The format of the conference will include two major events every day in which a philosopher will alternate with a designer, to be followed by a workshop involving a select group of students from UniRsm and other Italian universities.

**Designing Civic Consciousness**
curated by Maurizio Viroli e Gianni Sinni

**Programme**

**Monday 28.05.2018 / 3.00 pm**

**AIMS AND METHODS OF CIVIC EDUCATION**

- **Ragioni e passioni dell'educazione civica**
  / Maurizio Viroli
  Professor of Politics – Emeritus – Princeton University, Professor of Government UT Austin, Professore di Comunicazione Politica, Università della Svizzera Italiana

- **Democracy and Design Platform**
  / Ezio Manzini
  Honorary Professor at the Politecnico di Milano, Chair Professor at University of the Arts London, Guest Professor at Tongji University, Shanghai and Jiangnan University, Wuxi

**Tuesday 29.05.2018 / 10.00 am**

**Seminar with Ezio Manzini**

**Tuesday 29.05.2018 / 3.00 pm**

**THE HUMAN PERSONA AND CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS**

- **L'ideale della vita civile: aspetti filosofici e storici**
  / Carlo Ossola
  Collège de France, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

- **Developing citizen designers**
  / Elizabeth Resnick
  Professor Emerita at Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Wednesday 30.05.2018 / 10.00 am
Seminar with Elizabeth Resnick

Wednesday 30.05.2018 / 3.00 pm
THE CITY AS CIVIC SPACE AND HARMONY

Polis reale e Polis ideale
/ Luciano Canfora
Professore Emerito Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro

From a design of concurrences to a design of relations
/ Ruedi Baur
Designer civic city — institute et association for critical research and sciences in design

/Vera Baur
Director Research Institute Civic City Paris/Zurich

Thursday 31.05.2018 / 10.00 am
Seminar with Ruedi e Vera Baur

Thursday 31.05.2018 / 3.00 pm
CORRUPTION AND THE DECLINE OF CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS

Corruzione: come nasce, come si sviluppa, come si combatte
/ Lucio Picci
Professore ordinario di Economia. Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche, Università di Bologna

Visualizzazione Dati e trasparenza
/ Paolo Ciuccarelli
Associate Professor at Politecnico di Milano, Scientific Director at DensityDesign Research Lab

Friday 01.06.2018 / 10.00 am
Seminar with Paolo Ciuccarelli

Friday 01.06.2018 / 3.00 pm
Pitch session with representatives of Italian and foreign universities. Definition of specific teaching programs for civic education at the University of San Marino and definition of international institutional collaborations.
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