



VISITING VADEMECUM

Welcome to **Cosmos**, The Centre on Social Movement Studies located at the Institute of Humanities and Social Science at the Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence!

We are glad to have you here with us and we will do our best to make your visiting period a fruitful and enriching experience.

In this short document, you can find some practical information on **Cosmos** activities as well as on how you can get involved and updated.

- The **Cosmos website** is the main entry point to get to know all the events, projects, publications, news and people of the Centre. We update it regularly. Check it out at <http://cosmos.sns.it>.

Note: If you are a Visiting Professor and wish to have your profile added to the Visiting Scholar section or updated, go to the section "Contact" and click on the link under the "Recommend a content to the COSMOS Web Team" title. You will find there a form called "PEOPLE" that you can fill in and send to [cosmos \[at\] sns.it](mailto:cosmos[at]sns.it). We will upload your information as soon as possible.

- If you are a visiting PhD Student, get in contact upon arrival with Stella Christou ([stella.christou \[at\] sns.it](mailto:stella.christou[at]sns.it)), Linus Westheuser ([linus.westheuser \[at\] sns.it](mailto:linus.westheuser[at]sns.it)) or George Venizelos ([george.venizelos \[at\] sns.it](mailto:george.venizelos[at]sns.it)) who will be happy to help you getting acquainted with Palazzo Strozzi's facilities and COSMOS people.
- In order to get to know the COSMOS community, you are invited to look at the short bios of Cosmos members in the **People section** of our **Cosmos website** and to contact all those you think could help you with your project and your staying.
- You are more than welcome to **participate in any event organized by Cosmos**. To know more on the events that will take place during your staying, check out the **Cosmos website** at <http://cosmos.sns.it>
- You are more than welcome to **take part in any of the courses taught by Cosmos' people** at the PhD Course in Political Science and Sociology. If you wish to know more about courses and/or attend any class, please contact the administration staff at [didattica.firenze \[at\] sns.it](mailto:didattica.firenze[at]sns.it)
- You can **actively contribute to Cosmos events** depending on your research plans and needs. Here you can find a list of Cosmos events in which you can take part and the contact person(s) to whom you should reach out to get information on open slots:
 - **Cosmos Share:** Through the **Cosmos Share**, members of the **Cosmos** community can share their research and help each other through constructive feedback. The format is simple: one hour of informal, rigorous academic discussion, two times a month. About ten days before the meeting, presenters should send to Andrea Felicetti (the **COSMOS** Share organizer) a draft of the document they will discuss, so that he can share it with those interested in reading it and attending the session.
Contact persons: Andrea Pirro – [andrea.pirro \[at\] sns.it](mailto:andrea.pirro[at]sns.it) and Lorenzo Cini – [lorenzo.cini \[at\] sns.it](mailto:lorenzo.cini[at]sns.it)



- **Cosmos Talks** are public discussions on cutting edge contentious politics research from across various theoretical, methodological and disciplinary traditions. They aim to provide feedback on preliminary results of current research projects, future research projects proposals and drafts of forthcoming papers, articles and book chapters. The **Cosmos Talks** also aim at improving synergies and networking among researchers from the **Cosmos** community as well as from other universities. Scholars and researchers interested in discussing their work at one of the slots of **Cosmos Talks** should send an abstract to Lorenzo Zamponi and/or Loris Caruso (talks organizers), preferably by the end of September. A program will be then circulated. We ask presenters to send a paper (of no more than 30 pages) to the organizers, no later than a week before the scheduled talk. Each session lasts for two hours. Paper givers are given maximum 20 minutes to introduce their works. Preselected discussants are given about 10 minutes each to give constructive feedback. The floor will then be open to the public. All participants are asked to read the paper in advance.
Contact person: Lorenzo Zamponi – [lorenzo.zamponi \[at\] sns.it](mailto:lorenzo.zamponi@sns.it)
- **Movimenti del Mondo (Movements of the World)** is a series of events promoted by the Scuola Normale Superiore and organized by Lorenzo Mosca and Donatella della Porta. The events always feature a documentary screening and a roundtable discussion about a specific contentious topic or protest dynamic. Contact persons: Lorenzo Mosca – [lorenzo.mosca \[at\] sns.it](mailto:lorenzo.mosca@sns.it) and Donatella della Porta – [donatella.dellaporta \[at\] sns.it](mailto:donatella.dellaporta@sns.it)
- **Cosmos RoundTables**: The **Cosmos** Roundtables bring in conversation two or three visiting scholars, from senior professors to junior PhD researchers. The COSMOS Roundtables are thought as an informal venue in which the speakers do not present their latest research, and focus instead on the exchange of ideas on current mobilizations across the world as well as on topical political moments of our times. Contact person: Alice Mattoni - [alice.mattoni \[at\] sns.it](mailto:alice.mattoni@sns.it)
- In order to receive updates from the Centre, to get communications from its people and to get in contact with the **Cosmos Community** all over the globe, you can subscribe to the **Cosmos mailing list**. To be added, contact **Alice Mattoni** ([alice.mattoni \[at\] sns.it](mailto:alice.mattoni@sns.it)). You can remain in the mailing list also after you leave Florence.
- In order to receive updates and news about Cosmos-related events and opportunities in the Florence area, you can subscribe the **Cosmonauts in Florence mailing list**. To be added, contact **Alice Mattoni** ([alice.mattoni \[at\] sns.it](mailto:alice.mattoni@sns.it)). Please, send a message upon leaving Florence: we update members of this list based on who is actually in the Florence area.
- Much of your staying at **Cosmos** entails using infrastructures, space, and services that are managed by the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Scuola Normale Superiore – e.g., printing facilities, use of the library, internet connection etc. To find more detailed information about services, opportunities and staff at the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences please check the document "**Researching at the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences. A practical guide to premises and facilities**". The guide will be available upon request at your arrival at the Institute.

We wish you a fantastic staying at Cosmos!