



The European University of Islands, Ports and Coastal Territories

Summer School

"Participatory Processes and Environmental Conflict Mediation in Social-Ecological Systems"

(3 ECTS)

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3.2 Indicative Weekly Schedule

Component	Days	Module	Time (CEST)	Main Topics / Activities	Format	Lecturer(s)
Virtual	21/09/2026	Module 1: Theoretical Foundations and Analytical Frameworks	15:00 – 18:00	Introductions; mapping participants' profiles and expectations; overview of school program and theoretical frameworks	Online session and interactive digital tools	All
			17:00 – 17:30	Opening and welcoming remarks	Plenary	Quirico Migheli
			17:30 – 18:30	Overview of summer school program, group works and case study	Plenary	Quirico Migheli
Physical	28/09/2026	Module 1: Theoretical Foundations and Analytical Frameworks	18:30 – 19:30	Icebreakers + introduction to "systemic inquiry into conflicts in social-ecological systems"	Interactive session	All
			8:30 – 9:00	Intro: Understanding stakeholder perspectives on sustainability challenges	Plenary	Quirico Migheli
			9:00 – 18:00	Engaging with contexts and stakeholder perspectives on sustainability challenges; exploring conflict and cooperation strategies	Field visit and meetings with local stakeholders	Romina Deriu, Giampiero Branca, Chiara Ceseracciu, Federico Mura, Pier Paolo Roggero
Physical	29/09/2026	Module 2: Field Visits and Experiential Learning				

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Physical	30/09/2026	Module 1: Theoretical Foundations and Analytical Frameworks	9:00 – 9:30	Reflections on the field visit	Interactive	Romina Deriu, Giampiero Branca, Chiara Ceseracciu, Federico Mura, Pier Paolo Roggero
			9:30 – 10:00	Systemic inquiry: Starting out systemically	Plenary	Kevin Collins
			10:00 – 11:00	Group work session 1 – Beginning our systemic inquiry: framing the situation, issues and conflicts in social-ecological systems	Group work	All
			11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break		
			11:15 – 12:15	Making sense of environmental risks, conflicts and governance challenges	Plenary	Kevin Collins
			12:15 – 13:15	Group work session 2 – Systemic inquiry: mapping stakeholder perspectives, expectations and power relations	Group work	All
			13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break		
			14:15 – 14:45	Practical Tools for Environmental Conflict Mediation and dialogue	Plenary	Veena Balakrishnan
			14:45 – 15:45	Group work session 3 – Practical Tools for Environmental Conflict Mediation and dialogue	Group work	All
			15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break		

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Physical	30/09/2026		16:00 – 16:20	Governance: is there a perfect way of decision making within communities?	Plenary	Wener Gronau
			16:20 – 16:50	Governing touristification: housing struggles, public revenues, and democratic participation	Plenary	Macià Blazquez
			16:50 – 17:30	Open session for review and iteration	Group work	All
Physical	01/10/2026	Module 3: Participatory Methods and Mediation Tools	09:00-13:00	Linking past legacies and identity dimensions with current environmental conflicts	Field visit	Ilaria Orri, Matteo Pitzalis
			13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break		
			14:00 – 14:20	Participatory research approaches in socio-ecological systems: Focus Groups, Living Labs and sociocultural values of water	Plenary	Romina Deriu, Giampiero Branca, Chiara Ceseraciu
			14:20 – 15:20	Group work session 4 – Designing a participatory or mediation strategy	Group work	All
			15:20 – 16:00	Social learning and adaptive governance: designing learning processes for social-ecological systems; reflexive monitoring	Plenary	Kevin Collins
Physical	01/10/2026	Module 4: Integration,	16:00 – 16:15	Coffee Break		
			16:00 – 17:00	Group work session 5 – Systemic inquiry: (i) recommendations for	Group work	All

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		Reflection, and Application		local case study and (ii) applications to own research practice		
			9:00 – 10:00	Subgroup presentations: key learnings and proposed responses to the case study	Subgroup presentations	Quirico Migheli, Romina Deriu
	02/10/2026	Module 4: Integration, Reflection, and Application	10:00 – 11:00	Individual presentations: what I would change in my own research practice or context	Individual presentations	Quirico Migheli, Romina Deriu
Physical			11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break		
			11:15 – 12:15	Collective debrief, peer feedback, and closing reflections	Facilitated peer feedback	Quirico Migheli, Romina Deriu
Online	12/10/2026	Module 4: Integration, Reflection, and Application	15:00–17:00	Reflection on learning outcomes; impact on your research; program evaluation	Online session, survey, and interactive digital tools	Quirico Migheli, Romina Deriu