Scientific Host Institution: Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI): http://www.gssi.infn.it/

Accommodation (half-board, breakfast and dinner) for all participants: Hotel Federico II, L’Aquila https://www.hotelfedericosecondo.it/

- **Saturday 02/11**: arrival in the evening to the hotel in L’Aquila, from London-Rome-L’Aquila; transfer arranged by bus from Rome Fiumicino airport.

- **Sunday 03/11**:
  Morning:
  - 10:00-13:00: walking tour of L’Aquila historical centre to see and talk about the still clear signs of the 2009 earthquake, what has been done, the precious historical, cultural and architectonical inheritance of the city, the complexities in structures and governance, where L’Aquila is now in the reconstruction process. Local guides will be with us: Prof Lelio Iapadre, University of L’Aquila, and Daria Denti, GSSI PhD candidate, will share their knowledge and experience of the town.
  - 13:00-14:30: Lunch with sandwiches and free time.

  Afternoon:
15:00-16:00: Prof Simona Iammarino, LSE, presenting the OECD project and Report *Policy Making after Disasters. Helping regions become resilient. The Case of Post-Earthquake Abruzzo*

16:00-16:45: Open floor and Questions from students.

17:00: Drinks in the city centre with Dr Alberto Bazzucchi, CRESA, one of the most active and knowledgeable stakeholder during the earthquake disaster, and member of the OECD research group.

19:30/20:00: Dinner in the hotel

- **Monday 04/11:** GSSI hosting LSE MSc students, together with the GSSI PhD students interested.

  Morning:
  - 10:00-10:15: Welcome (Profs Eugenio Coccia/Simona Iammarino).
  - 10:15-10:45: Introduction by Prof Alessandra Faggian, GSSI Social Science Director (main projects and mission of GSSI and in particular Social Science GSSI Local Economic Development area, e.g. work on internal areas).
  - 10:45-11:30: Prof Lelio Iapadre, providing an overview of the region over the last few decades, from a broad economic development and internationalisation perspective.
  - 11:30-11:45: Coffee break.
  - 11:45-12:45: 20 minutes presentation each by Dr Giulia Urso (The resilience of the Inner Areas), Dr Maria Giovanna Brandano (Tourism in peripheral regions) and Dr Gloria Cicerone (Economic complexity and regional growth in Italy and Abruzzo), GSSI, presenting their research in local economic development.
  - 12:45-13:15 Open floor and Questions from students.
  - 13:15-14:15: Lunch with sandwiches.

  Afternoon:
  - 14:15-17:30: Student-led activity around the town - L’Aquila photo diary (coordinated by Dr Erica Pani, LSE, guidance for working groups will follow)
  - 17:30-19:30: Student working groups’ presentations and discussion at the GSSI

  20:00: Dinner in the hotel.

- **Tuesday 05/11:**

  Morning:
  - 9:00-14:00: Transfer by bus to the village of Fontecchio, an old and astonishing beautiful medieval village located within the Monte Sirente community: [https://www.e-borghi.com/en/village/328/L\'Aquila/fontecchio](https://www.e-borghi.com/en/village/328/L\'Aquila/fontecchio)

  Fontecchio’s major (since 2010) Sabrina Ciancone – extremely proactive local actor, involved in a series of bottom-up initiatives for the reconstruction and support of local development – will lead us around the village and through the actions taken by her administration. Other local actors we will meet: author Valeria Pica, art historian, curator, expert on the education of heritage and President of the Cooperativa Community; Alessio di Giulio, entrepreneur, Director of the environmental education centre, expert on local development and participative processes; Todd Thomas Brown, artist, promoter of socio-cultural initiatives. Prof. Lelio Iapadre will be accompanying the LSE group. Detailed programme:
  - 10:00: Piazza del Popolo: Get together, welcome, walk in the historic centre of Fontecchio (the square, the tower, memorial space, building sites, fountain)
11:30-12:30: Convento di S. Francesco. Description of the context, presentation of the projects, debate
12:30-14:00 Lunch at the Convento di S. Francesco

Afternoon:
- 15:00-17:00: Visit to the Sanofi’s plant of Scoppito (in the L’Aquila province), one highly successful example of the attractiveness of the city and the region towards foreign MNEs. Sanofi, a French multinational company headquartered in Paris, is a global leader in pharmaceutical/healthcare industry, see: https://www.sanofi.com/
  Sanofi personnel and Dr. Alberto Bazzucchi will be leading the LSE group.
- 18:30: GSSI PhD party for start of academic year, all LSE students invited.
- 20:30: Dinner in the hotel.

- **Wednesday 06/11:**
  Morning: free, guided shopping, preparing to be back to Rome Fiumicino airport (bus back at around noon), and in the evening in London. Timing depends on flight schedule.