The program focuses on spatial planning and policies considered at a variety of scales and through several dimensions. The scientific perspectives are spatial planning, policy analysis, human geography, and urban studies. Research thesis proposals moving from these approaches and focusing on issues such as the following will be considered:

- Urban regeneration policies, projects, and programs
- Environmental spatial and urban policies, also in the perspective of climate change adaptation and resilience
- Participation and democratic innovations in the realms of spatial and urban policies
- Urban informality
- Urban segregation and polarization

Proposals moving from the scientific perspectives mentioned above but focusing on different topics might be considered.