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 thematic call

The **THEMATIC CALL** for the **issue 2|2017** – now open with deadline July 10, 2017 – aims to receive submissions of papers on the topic of **COASTAL LANDSCAPES**.

Today, we feel a sort of urgency in respect of coastal landscapes, pushing us towards a need to intervene. In fact, we believe that in these landscapes the challenges of preserving high ecological scenic and cultural **values** against strong **transformation dynamics** arise in a clearer manner than in other contexts. These areas are deeply affected by short and long term natural dynamics – *e.g.* the sea continuously shaping the coastline, or gradually rising due to climate change – but also by anthropic dynamics, variously present at different latitudes, such as urban growth, agricultural intensification, artificialization of wetlands and beach areas, abandonment of inner rural areas.

It is no coincidence that the coastal area has been defined as the maximum expression of the global conflict between people and nature: here, the capacity to put into practice the concept of territorial **sustainable development** – one where development is not adversarial to preservation – is more stringently tested than elsewhere, as well as the concept of **resilience**, namely the capacity of socio-ecological systems to persist, but also to adapt and transform in the face of pressures, and to change *in order to* maintain their identity.

In this context, a **landscape approach** to planning, management and design of coastal areas – *i.e.* an approach that considers landscape as a fundamental element of action – seems to be appropriate to catch the intrinsic complexity and coexistence of values which are typical of these areas and to convey their extreme dynamism towards a distinctive opportunity of action. This approach, not obvious, is scarcely covered in the operative international framework for coastal areas (*e.g.* the European Recommendation 413/2002 concerning the implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management, ICZM), which is more focused, despite some interesting evolutions (*e.g.* Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean, 2008), on purely natural or socio-economic aspects than on landscape ones.

Hence, we would like to gather thoughts and experiences that, at a design or planning scale, are aimed at a sustainable and resilient evolution of coastal areas, and which place the landscape at the hearth of their action. The contributions' focus could be urban as well as rural and/or natural areas, maritime as well as terrestrial contexts, noting that a “coastal area” is composed by a high variety of spaces and environments: land and sea, seashore and inner areas.

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The proposals have to be unpublished and written in Italian or English; the text can be of 20,000 to 30,000 characters, including spaces, title, authors, abstract, keywords, captions and references.

The proposals have to include a minimum of 5 – a maximum of 10 pictures with good definition (at least 300 dpi/inch and 25 cm the smallest side) free from publishing obligations or accompanied with the specific permission.

The selected papers will be published in the thematic section of the 2|2017 issue of Ri-Vista.