

CAPTED Winter School

January 26-30, 2026

Media ecologies and the politics of representation

Methodological opportunities and challenges for socio-educational research with communities at risk of invisibility

This Winter School critically examines digital methods for researching communities and issues at risk of invisibility. It frames media ecologies as dynamic spaces of informal learning where identities are negotiated, knowledge is produced, and cultural practices may reinforce or challenge dominant narratives.

5 days, 3 keynote speakers, seminars, workshops, and collaborative discussions to foster reflection on the role of digital media in processes of inclusion and exclusion, and offer hands-on engagement with qualitative approaches.



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Program

Day 1 - 26/1 || Theoretical and epistemological foundations

Framework presentation (14.00-15.30): Prof. Chiara Bove, Dr. Davide Cino, Dr. Paolo Grassi, Dr. Paolo Monti, University of Milano-Bicocca

Workshop (16.00-18.30): *Identification of research objects and conceptual mapping; brainstorming on research themes and collective discussion* – Dr. Maddalena Sottocorno, Monica Facciocchi, University of Milano-Bicocca

Day 2 - 27/1 || Digital contexts and methodological issues: case histories

Seminar (10.00-13.00): *Platforms and people: case histories in researching uncertainties, fluidities and imaginaries in datafied societies* – Prof. Ranjana Das, University of Surrey

Workshop (14.30-17.30): *Refining the research focus and defining research questions, and exploratory observation of digital environments* – Dr. Alessandra Mussi, Leonardo Lapomarda, University of Milano-Bicocca

Day 3 - 28/1 || Data collection and ethics in media ecologies

Seminar (10.00-13.00): *Doing "good" research "well" online: ethics and methods in digital research* – Prof. Katrin Tiidenberg, Tallinn University

Workshop (14.30-17.30): *Dataset generation, organization, and cleaning* – Dr. Anna Chinazzi, Petar Lefterov, University of Milano-Bicocca

Day 4 - 29/1 || Qualitative analysis of digital data

Seminar (10.00-13.00): *After fieldwork: analyzing ethnographic material in digital contexts* – Prof. Elisabetta Costa, Antwerp University

Workshop (14.30-17.30): *Group data analysis, coding, and interpretation. Discussion on analytical challenges and strategies* – Dr. Valentina Pagani, Marco Sassaro, Daniele Ciocca

Day 5 - 30/1 || Presentations and final reflections

Presentations 10.00-13.00 – *Looking back, thinking forward: collective reflections and research proposals* – Winter School participants

5-minute presentations of research proposals and feedback

Scientific and Organizing Committee: Chiara Bove, Davide Cino, Paolo Grassi, Cristina Palmieri, Mario Vergani, Paolo Monti, Alessandra Mussi, Valentina Pagani, Maddalena Sottocorno, Anna Chinazzi, Monica Facciocchi, Petar Vasilev Lefterov, Marco Sassaro, Daniele Ciocca, Leonardo Lapomarda, Erica Neri, Tazio Morandini. The Winter School is also organized in collaboration with the PhD Programs in Education in the Contemporary Society (Prof. Chiara Bove), Cultural and Social Anthropology (Prof. Alice Bellagamba), and Intangible Heritage in Socio-Cultural Innovation (Prof. Franca Zuccoli).