



I-CIVIC , Innovating Civic Engagement Pedagogies for a Resilient Generation

Secondment Academic Programme¹

October - November 2026

Events and Academic Activities

Welcome to the University of Siena!

During your secondment within the *I-CIVIC Project*, several seminars, workshops and research events will take place throughout October and November. These initiatives have been organised by the University of Siena and represent valuable opportunities to engage with international scholars, exchange research experiences and participate in discussions on inclusive and transformative research, disability studies and higher education.

Calendar at a glance

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
5 October 2026, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Dyslexia Studies: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	Arezzo, Room 1, <i>Palazzina Donne</i> , Pionta Campus https://maps.app.goo.gl/fAgsdeonpvfWibfdA (Viale Cittadini 33, Arezzo)
6 October 2026, 2.00 pm - 7.00 pm	Promoting Emotional Intelligence at School	Arezzo, Room 1, <i>Palazzina Donne</i> , Pionta Campus https://maps.app.goo.gl/fAgsdeonpvfWibfdA (Viale Cittadini 33, Arezzo)
13 October 2026, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Preventing Ableism in Academia / Teaching Anti-Ableism	Siena, Historic Magna Aula, Rector's Palace (Via Banchi di sotto 55, Siena)

¹ Attendance at the seminars is not compulsory. The participation could unfold new opportunities for further collaborations.



14 October 2026, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Transformative Research & Embodied Inquiry	Arezzo, Room 13, <i>Palazzina Uomini</i> , Pionta Campus https://maps.app.goo.gl/hJLH8EHmmocdXg7s8 (Viale Cittadini 33, Arezzo)
15 October 10:00–1:00 pm	Exploring Embodied Inquiry	Arezzo, Pionta Campus
30 October 2026 10:00–12:00 am	Shared Horizons: Practical Approaches to inclusive and transformative research	Arezzo, <i>Pietro Leopoldo Hall</i> , Palazzo dell’Orologio, Pionta Campus (Viale Cittadini 33, Arezzo)
31 October 2026, 2.00 pm - 7.00 pm	Special Education Research Conference	Arezzo, Room 1, <i>Palazzina Donne</i> , Pionta Campus https://maps.app.goo.gl/fAgsdeonpvfWibfdA (Viale Cittadini 33, Arezzo)
31 October 2026, 09.00 am - 1.00 pm	Special Education Research Conference	Arezzo, Room 1, <i>Palazzina Donne</i> , Pionta Campus https://maps.app.goo.gl/fAgsdeonpvfWibfdA (Viale Cittadini 33, Arezzo)
17 November 2026, 09.00 am - 6.00 pm	Living Feminist Research in the University	Siena, Presidio Mattioli (Via Pier Andrea Mattioli 10, Siena)

Detailed Agenda

5 October - Dyslexia Studies: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

9:30 - 12:00 pm | Room 1, *Palazzina Donne*, Pionta Campus, Arezzo

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A multidisciplinary event dedicated to dyslexia research and inclusive education. The programme includes keynote speeches, educators’ testimonies, a round table on innovative approaches to learning, and the presentation of a new publication on supporting students with dyslexia.

Speakers: Prof. Alessandra Viviani, Head of the Department of International Political Sciences, University of Siena; Prof. Francesco Marangoni, Head of the Department of Social, Political and



Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena; Prof. Mario Perini, Head of the Department of Law, University of Siena; Dr. Maria Grazia Piergiovanni, Neuropsychiatrist; Dr. Lucio Artini, Italian Dyslexia Association representative.

6 October – Promoting Emotional Intelligence at Schools

02.00 - 07:00 pm | Room 1, Palazzina Donne, Pionta Campus, Arezzo

(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/fAgsdeonpvfWibfdA>)

Final Conference of the Promoting Emotional Intelligence at Schools ErasmusKA+ [Project](#).

Speakers: Prof. Alessandra Viviani, University of Siena; Prof. Alessandra Romano; Dr. Giovanni Gottardo, University of Siena; representatives of the Regional School District; representatives of Istituto Comprensivo Masaccio, Florence, Italy; representatives of Limbazi Vidusskola, Latvia; representative of the Fundatia EuroEd, Iasi; representatives of Magale Salestarrak, Urnieta, Basque Country; representatives of Darüşşafaka Schools, Istanbul, Turkey.

13 October - Preventing Ableism in Academia

10:00–1:00 pm | Historic Magna Aula, Rector's Palace, Siena and online

Seminar with Prof. Nicole Brown (UCL) and Prof. Alessandra Romano exploring inclusive higher education, disability studies and strategies for preventing ableism in academia.

Speakers: Prof. Nicole Brown, University College London; Prof. Luca Fanucci, University of Pisa (Italy).

14 October - Transformative Research & Embodied Inquiry

10:00–4:00 pm | Room 13, Palazzina Uomini, Pionta Campus, Arezzo

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Hands-on workshop introducing embodied inquiry as a methodology for transformative research, especially for faculty, PhD candidates and early-career researchers.

Speakers: Prof. Nicole Brown, University College London; prof. Alessandra Romano; Dr. Giovanni Gottardo.

15 October - Exploring Embodied Inquiry

10:00–1:00 pm | Pionta Campus, Arezzo

(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hJLH8EHmmocdXg7s8>)

Research workshop on radical vulnerability and embodied methods in transformative research.

30 October — Shared Horizons: Practical Approaches to inclusive and transformative research

10:00–12:00 am | Pietro Leopoldo Hall, Palazzo dell'Orologio - Pionta Campus, Arezzo



(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hJLH8EHmmocdXg7s8>)

International research meeting on practical approaches to inclusive and transformative research with scholars from the Education University of Hong Kong.

Speakers: Prof. Kenneth Sin Kuen-Fung, Education University of Hong Kong; Prof. Lan Yang, Education University of Hong Kong; Prof. Simone Visentin, University of Padua (Italy);

30 October - Special Education Research Conference

02:00–7:00 pm | Room 1, Palazzina Donne, Pionta Campus, Arezzo

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International conference on special and inclusive education featuring keynote speakers from Italy and Hong Kong.

Speakers: Prof. Kenneth Sin Kuen-Fung, Education University of Hong Kong; Prof. Lan Yang, Education University of Hong Kong; Prof. Simone Visentin, University of Padua (Italy); Prof. Laura Occhini and Maria Rita Mancaniello, University of Siena.

31 October - Special Education Research Conference

09:00–2:00 pm | Room 1, Palazzina Donne, Pionta Campus, Arezzo

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17 November - Living Feminist Research in the University

09.00 am - 06.00 pm | Presidio Mattioli, Siena

(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YNxEVmHvp6RdjowVA>)

Conference dedicated to feminist, intersectional and transformative research, exploring embodied inquiry, care, vulnerability and interdisciplinary methodologies.

Speakers: Prof. Barbara Poggio, University of Trento; Dr. Donata Columbro, Data Scientist.