

BICOCCA RESEARCH DIALOGUES

Transport and accessibility in low-density areas



April 28th, 2026

University of Milano-Bicocca

Aula Paganì (U7 building – III floor),

10:00-13:00

The University of Milano-Bicocca hosts a workshop in collaboration with Chuo University (Tokyo) to foster academic exchange on accessibility and transport in low-density areas. The event wants to create an occasion for discussion between researchers from both institutions and from different fields of study (Psychology, Sociology, Urban Planning, Public Policies) as well as representatives of public actors from the local context to discuss innovative approaches and shared challenges in sustainable mobility. The workshop explores how accessibility policies can improve quality of life in peripheral regions and for vulnerable populations, like elders. This initiative strengthens international research cooperation between Italy and Japan on inclusive and equitable transport systems.

Program

10:00-10.30 *Welcome and Opening*

Stefania Bandini (University of Milano-Bicocca, JSPS Alumni Italy Vice-President)

Matteo Colleoni (University of Milano-Bicocca, PhD Urbeur-Urban Studies Coordinator)

10:30-11:00 *Lecture*: "Is it possible to sustainably manage Local Public Transportation? Lessons from Japan"

Hiroko Kudo (Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan)

11:00-12:45 *Discussion*

Luca Tosi (Director Local Public Transport Agency)

Elena Maggi (University of Insubria, Department of Economics)

Paola Pucci (Politecnico di Milano, Department of Urban Studies and Architecture)

Gabriele Grea (Bocconi University, Department of Institutional Analysis and Public Management)

Giuseppe Vizzari (University of Milano-Bicocca, Department of Informatics, Systems and Communication)

Simone Caiello (University of Milano-Bicocca, Department of Sociology and Social Research)

12:45-13:00 *Future perspectives and closure*