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Architecture and Economics: The National Council of Architects welcomes on April 4th in Padua Paul Krugman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

International Seminar: “The Wealth of Nations and the Role of Architecture: Towards a Human-Centered Urban Economy”

The Seminar will be streamed live on the official YouTube channels of the National Council of Architects.

Padua, April 2nd 2025 – Renowned international thinkers, including the Nobel Laureate in Economics Paul Krugman, together with economists, architects, and urban planning experts, will gather in Padua to discuss a central question: **how can cities become engines of well-being in today’s economy?**

This discussion will take place on **Friday, April 4th 2025, from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM**, in the **Aula Magna of the University of Padua** – the historic lecture hall where Galileo Galilei once taught – during the *“The Wealth of Nations and the Role of Architecture: Towards a Human-Centered Urban Economy”* international seminar.

Organized by the **National Council of Architects, Planners, Landscapers and Conservationists (CNAPPC)**, together with its **Scientific Committee chaired by Prof. Carlos Moreno (Sorbonne)**, in collaboration with the **Department of Economics and Business Sciences (“Marco Fanno”)** of the University of Padua and the **Regional Science Association**, the event places architecture at the heart of the debate on the future of cities, economics, and society.

The seminar aims to explore the foundations of a **fair, sustainable, and human-centered proximity**, at the intersection of architecture, economics, and the social sciences.

Following the institutional greetings by Antonio Parbonetti, Deputy Rector of the University of Padua; Paola Valbonesi, Director of the Department of Economics and Business Sciences (“Marco Fanno”); Andrea Micalizzi, Deputy Mayor of Padua; Roberto Righetto, President of FOAV and of the Order of Architects of Padua – the seminar will start with speeches by **Massimo Crusi, President of CNAPPC**, and **Senator Roberto Rosso, Rapporteur on the Urban Regeneration Law in the Senate**.

An outstanding lecture will then be delivered by **Paul Krugman, Nobel Laureate in Economics**, entitled “Deplorable Policy Roads”, a clear analysis of the political and territorial malfunctions shaping our cities.

Two main sessions will structure the event: **“Contemporary Struggles: Discomfort, Urban Life, and Governance”** and **“What Kind of City Do We Want to Live In?”**. The sessions will be moderated by **Catherine Gall**, Executive Director of ETI Research – Sorbonne, and will feature contributions from **Carlos Moreno, Karima Kourtiti, Philippe Rahm, Robin Wells, Roberto Antonietti, and Peter Nijkamp**.

The seminar will conclude with remarks by **Giuseppe Cappochin**, Head of the Urban Reform and Future of the City CNAPPC’s Department.

The event will be accessible both in person and via live streaming, in Italian (<https://www.youtube.com/live/LcUGNdL75V8>) and English (<https://www.youtube.com/live/0Dc0L4QNjnl>) on the CNAPPC’s official YouTube channels.

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