

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITION and AFFILIATION

Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Adjunct Professor, Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU), Polytechnic University of Milan. Italy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research interest and activities

- 1- *During doctorate studies (2012) onward:* port-cities development issues; port infrastructure and logistics; global/world cities and network of flows – mainly commodity
- 2- *Since 2015 onward:* Sharing economy and new workspaces, more specifically, studying coworking spaces (CSs) in Italy; location determinant and urban effects of CSs in peripheral areas; policies that foster the development of CSs in peripheral areas; investigating the well-being and happiness of coworkers in CSs.
- 3- *Since 2016 onward:* Urban policy mobilities and transnational studies; tracking and analysing the transnational mobility of global production of architecture and urbanism in the period 1990-2015.
- 4- *Since 2017 onward:* Mobility studies; more specifically, focus on the mobility of the elderly population and its impact on their well-being and quality of life; capability approach.

07/ 2019 - 12/ 2019

Career break for maternity leave 07/2019-12/2019

06/ 2018 - current

Postdoctoral Research Fellow (30-month Assegno di Ricerca)

Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU), Polytechnic University of Milan. Italy

Research Projects:

- *MOBILAGE. Mobility and Aging: Daily Life and Welfare Supportive Networks at the Neighborhood Level (funded by Fondazione Cariplo 2018-2020)*

The study focuses on the elderly as a fragile population of the society and the importance of mobility on enhancing their well-being and quality of life.

Research team: Massimo Bricocoli (Principal investigator), Ilaria Mariotti and Fulvia Pinto (Polimi-DAStU) + Aleid Brouwer (University of Groningen) + Lilli Gargiulo (University of Federico II, Naples)

[Polimi-DAStU share of funding: 99,000 euro]

- *'HAPPY: Health, Accessibility, Public transport Policies for elderlY' (funded by Fondazione Cariplo 2019-2021)*

The study aims to understand which suitable public transport policies could contribute to increase positive social connections and health conditions of the ageing population - the focus is on Varese and Milan (Lombardy) and Padua (Veneto)

Research team: Elena Maggi (Principal investigator, UNINSUBRIA) + Ilaria Mariotti (POLIMI) + V. Rebba (UNIPD)

[Polimi-DAStU share of funding: 60,000 euro]

Research Collaborator as follows:

03/ 2015 – 01/2018

LaBELT (Laboratorio di Economia Logistica e Territorio)

Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU), Polytechnic University of Milan. Italy

Director: Prof. Falvio Boscacci, co-director: Prof. Ilaria Mariotti:

Main responsibilities/ duties: collaboration to the research team

- 02/ 2017 – 01/2019 **Collaborator and member of the following research projects:**
- *FARB* research project: 'New Working Spaces. Promises of Innovations, Effects on the Economic and Urban Context' - *Coordinator Prof. Ilaria Mariotti* [amount of funding: 28,000 euro]
Main responsibilities/ duties: part of the research team; theoretical framework, data analysis and project write-ups for conferences and publications
 - *FARB* research project: 'New Methods for Studying Transnational Urbanism and Architecture'- *Coordinator Prof. Davide Ponzini* [amount of funding: 28,000 euro]
Main responsibilities/ duties: part of the research team; collecting data and analysis; and project write-ups for conferences and publication
- 03/ 2018 - current **Collaborator in preparing research grant proposals:**
- *MOBILAGE. Mobility and Aging: Daily Life and Welfare Supportive Networks at the Neighborhood Level.* Funded by Fondazione Cariplo 2018-2020
 - '*HAPPY: Health, Accessibility, Public transport Policies for elderly*'. Funded by Fondazione Cariplo 2019-2021
 - '*The Geography of New Working Spaces and impacts on the Periphery*'. Funded by the European COST Action 18214, (2019-2023) - Chair: Ilaria Mariotti
 - '*Milano Collabora*' (funded by the Municipality of Milan 2019-2020) – Partners of the project: Polimi-DASU + TRAILab, Università Cattolica di Milano
- 07/ 2016 - 11/ 2017 **Collaborator and member of the research project:**
'Learning from Gulf Cities'- *Coordinator Prof. Davide Ponzini*
A joint project with the New York University- Prof. Harvey Molotch
Main responsibilities/ duties: collecting data and analysis, organizing workshops and exhibitions; write-ups (a book chapter, see the section on publications)
Collaboration in organizing an exhibition in NYC Abu Dhabi Institute (13-14 November 2017)
- 11/ 2013 - 05/ 2014 **Visiting PhD Researcher**
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)- laboratoire UMR 8504- Géographie CitésL'Université Sorbonne Paris I (France)
Developing my PhD research project under the supervision of Dr. César Ducruet; collaborator in the project 'World Seastems' (European Research Council Starting Grant –FP7)
- 01/ 2012 - 03/ 2015 **Doctorate Thesis Research**
Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU), Polytechnic University of Milan. Italy
Dissertation: 'Port Development and Port-City Interface Dynamics'
Supervisor: Prof. Ilaria Mariotti; co-supervisor: Dr. Cesar Ducruet
- 02/ 2011 - 12/ 2012 **Master's Thesis Research**
Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU), Polytechnic University of Milan. Italy
Dissertation: 'Public Spaces Along New Urban Waterfronts of the European Port Cities'
Supervisor: Prof. Patrizia Gabellini; co-supervisor: Prof. Andrea di Giovanni
- 05/ 2011 - 07/ 2011 **Intern- Research Assistant**
Rapu+ Research Laboratory, Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU), Polytechnic University of Milan
Developing the research *entitled:* 'Framing common spaces. Survey and concept design within the contemporary city from Rho to Monza'
Responsible: Prof. Andrea di Giovanni

**UNIVERSITY TEACHING
and MENTORING
EXPERIENCE**
Adjunct Professor

Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU), Polytechnic University of Milan. Italy, courses in:

A.Y. 2018-2019 1st semester
A.Y. 2017-2018 1st semester
'Urban Design' (in 'Architectural Design Studio') - M.Sc. in Architecture - Built Environment - Interiors

A.Y. 2019-2020 2nd semester
A.Y. 2018-2019 2nd semester
'Urbanism' (in Final Studio C) - M.Sc. in Architecture and Urban Design

Teaching Assistant /lecturer

Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU), Polytechnic University of Milan. Italy

Main duties: Gave a series of lectures within the framework of the course plan; regular supervision and assisting students while developing their projects and course assignments; assisted in evaluating the final projects; grading based on oral/written examinations.

Courses in:

A.Y. 2018-2019 1st semester
A.Y. 2017-2018 1st semester
A.Y. 2016-2017 1st semester
'Urbanism: issues and tools' (Prof. Bertrando Bonfantini) - M.Sc. in Urban Planning

A.Y. 2018-2019 1st semester
A.Y. 2017-2018 2nd semester
A.Y. 2016-2017 2nd semester
A.Y. 2015-2016 2nd semester
'Economia del territorio e dell'ambiente' (Prof. Ilaria Mariotti) - M.Sc. in Architecture
'Urban Planning' (Prof. Corinna Morandi) – B.Sc. in Architecture

A.Y. 2017-2018 2nd semester
A.Y. 2016-2017 2nd semester
A.Y. 2015-2016 2nd semester
'Contemporary City: Description and Projects' (Visiting professor: Prof. Joerg Knieling; Prof. Darko Radovic; Prof. Juan Luis de las Rivas Sanz) - M.Sc. in Urban planning

A.Y. 2016-2017 2nd semester
'Digital Cities- Urban Innovation and Planning' (Prof. Davide Ponzini) - M.Sc. in Urban Planning

A.Y. 2016-2017 2nd semester
'Urban Planning Studio' (Prof. Davide Ponzini) - B.Sc. in Architecture

A.Y. 2016-2017 1st semester
'Urban Planning & Design Studio' (Professors Antonio Longo and Andrea Di Giovanni)

A.Y. 2015-2016 2nd semester
'Master Plan Studio' (Professors Giuseppe Marinoni and Giulia Fini) - M.Sc. in Urban Planning

A.Y. 2015-2016 1st semester
'Urban Planning & Design Studio' (Prof. Bertrando Bonfantini)- M.Sc. in Urban Planning

A.Y. 2015-2016 2nd semester
'Master Plan Studio' (Professors Giuseppe Marinono and Giulia Fini)- M.Sc. in Urban Planning

A.Y. 2012-2013 2nd semester
'Urban Planning Tools' (Prof. Valeria Fedeli)- B.Sc. in Urban Planning

07/ 2018

International Summer School on Workplace Management – SSWM2018, Politecnico di Milano- Italy

Lecture title: 'The impact of new workplaces on the urban scale- coworking spaces in Italy' with Ilaria Mariotti

International Workshop Senior Tutor

Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU), Polytechnic University of Milan. Italy

M.Sc. in urban planning and policy design

Main duties: Tutored a group of highly motivated international students in a two weeks design workshop; part of the organizing team for the final exhibition and presentation of the workshop; assisted in evaluating and grading the students based on their project, group work and involvement class activities

- 01/ 2018
- *'Milan International Design Workshop (MIAW) 2018'* (Prof. Luis Basabe)
Topic: 'Living Periphery- Architecture as Public Space'
- 02/ 2016
- *'Milan International Design Workshop (MIAW) 2018'* (Prof. Darko Radovic,)
Topic: 'Off Campus- The Future of Leonardo Archipelago'
- 10/ 2013 - 06/ 2014
- PhD School Tutoring Activity**
Polytechnic University of Milan- PhD School
- Activities related to preparation of information documents, providing logistical and didactic advice for the first year PhD students of the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU)
- Thesis Advisor**
- 04/ 2019 - 12/ 2019 *Snezana Bobic- Postgraduate dissertation: 'Towards a sustainable tourism strategy at the Mediterranean World Heritage Sites as popular destinations for cruise tourism'*
- 03/ 2019 - 07/ 2019 *Pesic Tanja - Postgraduate dissertation: 'Aleppo Revitalisation'*
- 03/ 2019 - 07/ 2019 *Radovic Olga - Postgraduate dissertation: 'RE: BUILD ALEPPO - Reconstruction proposal for the Old City of Aleppo'*
- 07/ 2018 - 12/ 2018 *Liu Ying, Jovanovic Miljana and Yang Yinfang- Postgraduate dissertation: 'Aleppo Refresh: Urban and Architectural Redevelopment of Aleppo After the Civil War'*
- Thesis Co-advisor**
- 02/ 2019 - 09/ 2019 *Eleftheria Exarchou- Postgraduate dissertation: 'The Impact of Global Terminal Operators on Port Infrastructure and Urban Development. The case of Dubai Ports World as a Trade Enabler.'*
- 02/ 2019 - 07/ 2019 *Bruno Trapanese - Undergraduate dissertation: 'Il Ruolo Della Mobilità Urbana E Dell'offerta Di Servizi sulla Percezione Della Qualità Della Vita Degli Anziani: Il Caso Di Tre Quartieri Periferici a Milano'*
- 09/ 2018 - 07/ 2019 *Anna Pagani - Postgraduate dissertation: 'Mobilità Urbana E Accessibilità Ai Servizi- Quali Opportunità Per Gli Anziani Nella Città Di Milano?'*
- 07/ 2018 - 12/ 2018 *Anastasiia padenkova- Postgraduate dissertation: 'Urban modification through co-working spaces: Creation of local community. The case of Milan'*
- 02/ 2018 - 07/2018 *Lucas Lorenzo Mattana- Postgraduate dissertation: 'The Transnational Patterns of Development. Investigating the urban effects of Dubai Ports World on port-hinterland and urban development'*
- 01/ 2018 - 07/2018 *Apollonios Tsiatinis- Undergraduate dissertation: 'The Development of the Port-City Through the Free Trade Zone Policy: the cases of Dubai, Djibouti and Jeddah'*
- 05/ 2017- 10/ 2017 *Marina Giordano- Undergraduate dissertation: 'Nuovi Luoghi del Lavoro, Soddisfazione Professionale e Performance Economica. Il Caso dei Coworking Spaces in Italia'*

**ADDITIONAL
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

- 10/ 2019- current
- European COST action Management Committee (MC) member for Italy
Working Group (WG) leader in the project:**
CA18214 - The Geography of New Working Spaces and the Impact on the Periphery (Chair: Ilaria Mariotti)
<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18214>, DASU is the Action Grant Holder, The Action involves 25 European countries and Israel. It is a four years project (130,000 euro each year)
- 07/ 2017- current
- Editorial Board- English Proofreader
Journal of Urbanistica**
- 2014 - current
- Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer/ Referee**
- *Growth and Change: A Journal of Urban and Regional Policy*
 - *IJTE - International Journal of Transport Economics*
 - *Journal of Regional and City Planning*
 - *Annals of regional science*

- 03/ 2007- 08/ 2009 **Architect**
 Rahan Sazeh Consulting Engineers; Tehran (Iran)

 Designer in architectural and landscape projects; Design assistant in urban projects; Assistant and supervisor in project reports and researching.
- 04/ 2006-02/ 2007 **Intern- Design Assistant**
 Armon Sannat Construction Consulting Firm+ Nekas Firm (Tehran/Iran)
 Design assistant in architectural and landscape projects; detailed designer and AutoCAD Aids
- 2004- current **Freelance ESL Teacher +Translator**
 Professional English teacher

Language editor (English); translating professional texts: Farsi to English; English to Farsi; Italian to English; Italian to Farsi); Interpreter (Farsi, English and Italian)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 01/ 2012- 03/ 2015 **PhD in Spatial Planning and Urban Development (XXVII Cycle)**
 Polytechnic University of Milan - Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU)

Thesis title: 'Port Development and Port-City Interface Dynamics'
Supervisor: Prof. Ilaria Mariotti, DAStU, Politecnico di Milano
Co-supervisor: Dr. Cèsar Ducuet, CNRS, Géographie-Cités, University of Paris-I Sorbonne
Principle subjects/ Main PhD courses: Research methodology; Bibliographic essay; Planning practices in a global perspective; Global cities: problems and policies; Transport policies
- 10/ 2009- 12/ 2011 **M.Sc. in Urban Planning and Policy Design**
 Polytechnic University of Milan - Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU)

Thesis title: 'New Waterfronts in Changing Harbour Cities in Europe'
Supervisor: Prof. Patrizia Gabellini, DAStU, Politecnico di Milano
Co-supervisor: Prof. Andrea Di Giovanni, DAStU, Politecnico di Milano
Principle subjects/ Main courses: Urban design studio; Urban Policies Design Studio; Spatial Development Studio; Real Estate Market; Social foundations of Spatial Development; Urban and Regional Governance; Economic Assessment of Urban Transformations and Policies, Public Economics
- 12/ 2002- 07/ 2007 **B.Sc. in Architectural Engineering**
 Shahid-Beheshti University- School of Architecture and Urban Planning (Tehran- Iran)

Thesis title: 'Architectural and construction design of a Housing Complex'

Principle subjects/ Main courses: Architectural Design Studio (five in total); Technical Design Studio; Human-Nature-Architecture; Statics; Surveying; Surveying of Historical Buildings; Management and Workshop Constitutions; Introduction to Basics of Fundamental Planning; Urban Spaces Analysis

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue **Farsi (Persian)**

Other language(s)

English
Italian

UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
C1	C1	C1	C1	B2

Arabic and French: Basic Level

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (self-assessment)

Social skills and competences	Open-minded; good interaction skills in social and technical events; highly interested to meet and interact with people from multi-cultural and interdisciplinary backgrounds; ability and capacity to respect the beliefs, practices, cultures, traditions and positions of others
Organizational skills and competences	Commitment; leadership (coordinating people in projects developments) with sense of organization; self-motivated and strong sense of taking responsibility in both individual and team works; ability to work in teams and provide leadership qualities in challenging scenarios; Independent learning; Excellent writing skills for publication; Good verbal skill in presentation
Computer skills	Operating Systems: Windows family; Applications: 2D Computer Aided Design Software Packages: Auto CAD; Google Sketch Up; Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign; MS Office; QGIS; STATA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

07/2018- 12/2020	30-month postdoctoral fellowship- Politecnico di Milano, DASTU
03/2018	Winner of the conference bursary, <i>Regional Studies Association (RSA) Annual Conference 2018</i>
04/2016	Winner of the Best Paper Prize for Young Researchers, <i>The International Journal of Transport Economics, Genoa, Italy</i>
2012-2015	Three-year student DSU scholarship for Ph.D. degree, Politecnico di Milano
11/2013- 05/2014	Six-month grant, Erasmus Student Mobility Placement (provided by European Commission)-visiting PhD/researcher in Paris
11/2012	Winner of the Best Poster Prize, <i>The International Conference: Urban Change in Iran</i> . University College London, United Kingdom
08/2011-11/2011	Three-month grant, <i>Tirocini Erasmus: Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)</i> , Politecnico di Milano-internship in a European based office
2009-2011	Two-year student DSU scholarship for M.Sc. studies, Politecnico di Milano

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS

1-8 July 2018	31st ERSA Summer School (<i>competitive selection process</i>) <i>Topic: 'Regional Policy: Analysis and Planning – Evaluation Theory and Practice'</i> University of Economics, Bratislava, Slovakia
20 February 2017	Learning from Gulf Cities Workshop <i>Topic: 'Architecture and Urban development in fast-developing countries of the Persian Gulf region'</i> DASTU, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
3-10 July 2016	29th ERSA Summer School (<i>competitive selection process</i>) <i>Topic: 'Space, Territory and Growth. Advances in Regional Science'</i> ABC, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
5-8 July 2014	AESOP PhD workshop (<i>competitive selection process</i>) <i>Topic: 'From control to co-evolution'</i> Faculty of Architecture of Delft University of Technology- The Netherlands
06/ 2012- 09/ 2012	Urban Design Workshop+ Sustainable Campus <i>Topic: 'Creative Sustainable Campus of Politecnico di Milano'</i> DASTU, Politecnico di Milano, Italy and ETH Zurich
11-19 March 2011	The Athens Programme (<i>competitive selection process</i>) <i>Topic: 'Coastal landscape heritage planning and management'</i> Universidad Politecnica de Madrid

**ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPERIENCE**

- 6 June 2014 **PhD International Seminar**
entitled: 'The Future of hub Port City Development? Opportunities and challenges of contemporary urban development in global port-cities'
Speakers: Mina Akhavan; Cesar Ducruet (CNRS- Paris); Markus Hesse (University of Luxemburg)
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU)- Politecnico di Milano
- 20 February 2017 **Collaboration in organizing a one-day international seminar**
entitled: 'Learning from Gulf Cities'
Speakers: Mina Akhavan; Laura Lieto; Harvey Molotch; Michele Nastasi; Davide Pozini;
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU)- Politecnico di Milano
- 23 February 2018 **Collaboration in organizing a one-day national seminar- part of the FARB Programme**
entitled: 'Nuove produzioni e spazio urbano'
Speakers: Mina Akhavan; Simonetta Armondi; Stefano di Vita; Fabio Manfredini; Ilaria Mariotti; Corinna Morandi; Stefano Saloriani
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU)- Politecnico di Milano
- 7 June 2018 **Collaboration in organizing a one-day international seminar- part of the FARB Programme**
entitled: 'New Working Spaces. Promises of Innovations and Effects on the Urban Context'
Speakers: Mina Akhavan; Simonetta Armondi; Stefano di Vita; Divya Leducq; Fabio Manfredini; Ilaria Mariotti; Corinna Morandi; Carolina Pacchi; Ivana Pais; Darja Reuschke; Stefano Saloriani; Veronique Schutjens
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU)- Politecnico di Milano
- 9 May 2019 **Collaboration in organizing the cycle of seminars on the topic of fragile territory and 'places that don't Matter'**
Speakers: Andres Rodriguez-Pose; Ilaria Mariotti; Gianfranco Viesti; Roberta Capello; Marco di Tommaso; Marco Di Cataldo; Carolina Pacchi
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU)- Politecnico di Milano
- 17-30 August 2019 **Proposed and organized a special Session at the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress 2019**
entitled: Transportation and Mobility in an Ageing Society. Perspectives, Trends and Drivers
Convenors: Mina Akhavan and Aleid Brouwer

INVITED SPEAKER

- 31 October 2018 **City University, Tripoli, Lebanon**
Presentation title: 'Coworking Spaces and New Social Relations: a focus on Social Streets in Italy'
- 18-21 June 2018 **Villa Vigoni, German Italian Centre for European Excellence (Italy), Como, Italy**
 Symposium *Star Architecture, International Architectural and Planning Firms and the Urban Transformation of European Cities (II)*
Presentation title: 'The Spread of Bilbao-like Projects in European cities, 1990-2015.'
 with Davide Ponzini
- 14-27 November 2018 **Villa Vigoni, German Italian Centre for European Excellence (Italy), Como, Italy**
 Symposium *Star Architecture, International Architectural and Planning Firms and the Urban Transformation of European Cities (I)*
Presentation title: 'Transnational architecture firms and their strategies: explorations of the European space'

PUBLICATION LIST

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Mariotti, I; Akhavan, M. (2020). 'Gli spazi di coworking a Milano: localizzazione ed effetti sul contesto urbano'. *Ebook Milano City School* (In press).
- Ghiara, H; Mariotti, I; Akhavan M.; Sillig C. (2019). 'The Locational Behaviour of Advanced Logistics: A European City Network Analysis'. *Journal of Transport Geography* (in press).
- Mariotti, I; Akhavan, M. (2019). 'Il coworking in Italia: localizzazione, performance, effetti sul contesto urbano'. *EyesReg*, Vol.9, N.3 <http://www.eyesreg.it/2019/il-coworking-in-italia-localizzazione-performance-effetti-sul-contesto-urbano/>.
- Akhavan, M. (2019). 'Contemporary European Port-Cities as Laboratories'. *Territorio*, 88/2019, pp. 99-104, DOI: 10.3280/TR2019-088015
- Paris M.; Akhavan, M. (2019d). 'Teaching the Contemporary City abroad'. *Territorio*, 88/2019, pp. 65-66, DOI: 10.3280/TR2019-088009
- Akhavan, M.; Mariotti, I.; Astolfi, L.; Canevari, A (2019). 'Coworking Spaces and New Social Relations: A Focus on the Social Streets in Italy', *Urban Science*, 3(1), 2: 1-11 <https://doi.org/10.3390/urbansci3010002>
- Akhavan, M; Mariotti, I. (2018). 'The Effects of Coworking Spaces on Local Communities in the Italian Context', *Territorio* 87/2018, pp. 85-92, DOI:10.3280/TR2018-087014
- Akhavan, M. and Vecchio, G. (2018). Mobility and Accessibility of the Ageing Society. Defining Profiles of the Elderly Population and Neighbourhoods. *TeMA Journal*, 0: 9-22. doi: 10.6092/1970-9870/5757.
- Mariotti, I; Akhavan, M (2018). La localizzazione degli spazi di coworking in Italia: aree metropolitane vs. aree periferiche. *Working papers. Rivista online di Urban@it - 2/2018* ISSN 2465-2059
- Akhavan, M. (2017). Development Dynamics of Port-Cities Interface in the Arab Middle Eastern World-- the case of Dubai global hub port-city. *Cities*, 60, Part A, 343–352.
- Akhavan, M. (2017). Evolution of Hub Port-Cities into Global Logistics Centres: Lessons from the two cases of Dubai and Singapore, *International Journal of Transport Economics*, vol. XLIV, No.1, 25-47, winner of best paper prize for young researchers.
- Akhavan, M. (2015). Port-City Relation in Dubai: From an Entrepôt to the (logistics) hub of the Middle East. *PORTUSplus_the online Journal of RETE*, RETE Publisher, Venice, ISSN: 2039-6422.
- Akhavan, M. (2014). Social Impact of the Economic Development in Emerging Global Cities of Middle East: The Case of Dubai. *Spaces and Flows: An International Journal of Urban and ExtraUrban Studies*. 4(3), 13-25.
- Akhavan, M. and Behbahani, M.A. (2013). Exploring the Framework of the Strategic Spatial Planning for the Vision 'Tehran 2025', Proceeding of the International Conference: New Urban Language, Milan 19-21 June 2013, in Planum. *The Journal of Urbanism*, 27(2). ISSN 1723-0993.

BOOKS and BOOK CHAPTERS

- Akhavan, M. (2020). Port Infrastructure Developments and Port-City Interface Dynamics. Springer (accepted for publication).
- Mariotti, I.; Akhavan, M.; Di Vita, S. (2020). Shared Workplaces in the Knowledge Economy. Springer (accepted for publication).
- Akhavan, M.; Mariotti, I.; Ghiara, H; Musso, E; Silling, C. (2020). 'Attractiveness of Port-Centric Advanced Logistics Clusters'. In Wilmsmeier, G. (Eds.), *Geographies of Maritime Transport*- Edward Elgar Publishing (In press).
- Ponzini, D.; Akhavan, M. (2020). 'Star Architecture Spreads 6 in Europe: Culture-led Waterfront Projects Between 1990 and 2015'. In N. Alaily-Mattar et al. (Eds.), *About Star Architecture*, Springer International Publishing (In press). DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-23925-1
- Akhavan, M. (2019). 'Gateway: Revisiting Dubai as a Port-City', in Molotch, H., & Ponzini, D. (Eds.), *The New Arab Urban. Gulf Cities of Wealth, Ambition and Distress*. New York: New York University Press, pp. 175-193. DOI:10.18574/nyu/9781479880010.003.0008

CONFERENCE PAPERS and PROCEEDINGS

- Mariotti, I; Akhavan, M.; Piccitto, G. (2019). 'Coworking spaces and well-being in core vs. periphery: an application of SEM'. In *the A. I. S. Re. Italian Association of Regional Science- the XL Annual Conference*, 16-18 September. L'Aquila, Italy.

- Pinto, F.; Akhavan, M. (2019). 'Age friendly neighborhood": strategie di mobilità urbana e governo del territorio per una società che invecchia'. In the A. I. S. Re. Italian Association of Regional Science- the XL Annual Conference, 16-18 September. L'Aquila, Italy.
- Pinto, F.; Akhavan, M. (2019). 'Exploring Stated and Revealed Preference for Ageing in Place in Milan. A Focus on Mobility'. In the A. I. S. Re. Italian Association of Regional Science- the XL Annual Conference, 16-18 September. L'Aquila, Italy.
- Mariotti, I.; Burlando, C. and Akhavan, M. (2019). 'A comparative analysis of public transport elder users and satisfaction level in two Italian cities: Milan and Genoa'. In the XXI Conference of the Italian Association of Transport Economics and Logistics (SIET), 9-10 September. Bologna, Italy.
- Mariotti, I.; Brouwer, A. and Akhavan, M. (2019). 'The role of mobility for ageing in place. Empirical evidence for Milan'. In the XXI Conference of the Italian Association of Transport Economics and Logistics (SIET), 9-10 September. Bologna, Italy.
- Mariotti, I and Akhavan, M. (2019). 'The Location of Coworking Spaces in Urban vs. Peripheral Areas'. In the 59th ERSA Congress 28-31 August. Lyon, France.
- Mariotti, I; Brouwer, A and Akhavan, M. (2019). 'Stated and revealed preference for ageing in place in Milan'. In the 59th ERSA Congress 28-31 August. Lyon, France.
- Brouwer, A and Akhavan, M. (2019). 'Relationship between Mobility and Quality of Life in the Elderly: a systematic review and meta-analysis of the literature'. In the 59th ERSA Congress 28-31 August. Lyon, France.
- Pinto, F.; Akhavan, M. (2019). 'Mobilità urbana e governo del territorio per una rinnovata qualità di vita della popolazione anziana'. In the XXII National Conference SIU 2019, 5-7 June, Matera-Bari, Italy
- Akhavan, M; Pinto, F. (2018). 'Promoting Urban Mobility for an Ageing Society. Exploring Policies and Initiatives in the European Context'. Paper to be presented at the XI Giornata Studio INU, 14 December. Napoli, Italy.
- Akhavan M.; Mariotti, I.; Salorini, S.; Manfredini, S. (2018). The Location Determinants of Shared Workspaces: A Cluster Analysis of Coworking Spaces in Italy. In the A. I. S. Re. Italian Association of Regional Science- the XXXIX Annual Conference, 17-19 September. Bolzano, Italy.
- Akhavan M. and Mariotti, I. (2018). The Location Determinants of Shared Workspaces: A Cluster Analysis of Coworking Spaces in Italy. In the A. I. S. Re. Italian Association of Regional Science- the XXXIX Annual Conference, 17-19 September. Bolzano, Italy.
- Mariotti, I; Akhavan, M. (2018). 'Coworking: Empirical Evidence on Italy'. Paper presented at the ESRP Conference 17-19 September. Bratislava, Slovakia.
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