Open Lab



PICCOLO Terra: con i piedi e le mani per terra

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Open Lab coordinated by Davide Carnevalli

Institutional greetings by Salvatore Carrubba Enrico Giovannini Claudio Longhi

Interventions by Davide Carnevali Eugenio Morello Lisa Ferlazzo Natoli Maddalena Parise Paolo Pileri

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This first Open Lab brought together artists (Davide Carnevali, lacasadargilla and Mattia Cason) with personalities from scientific and academic fields (agronomy, geology, architecture, energy engineering).

The Lab included a multidisciplinary workshop 'Terra: con i piedi e le mani per terra' ("Earth: with your feet (and hands) on the ground"), coordinated by Davide Carnevali in collaboration with Politecnico di Milano, with an aim to raise citizen awareness of the concept of public space, to realise concrete interventions that transform this space and make it more accessible.

Following introductions by PICCOLO President Salvatore Carrubba, PICCOLO Director Claudio Longhi and Prof. Enrico Giovannini from Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS), a special guest was introduced by Prof. Paolo Pileri from Politecnico di Milano: 'the sod.'

Prof. Pileri presented the audience with the key attributes of soil, emphasising its importance and the necessity to protect and safeguard it. He highlighted that soil is not merely a surface but a profound entity, akin to a "human being," possessing depth and complexity.



During the event, Davide Carnevali shared insights from a workshop held in December 2022, highlighting the themes that emerged from three days of discussions between academics and artists.

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Prof. Eugenio Morello connected these issues to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda and compared a healthy sod with an unhealthy one, using sod from Piazzale Leonardo, a central area in Milan near Politecnico University, as an example. lacasadargilla engaged in an open and constructive dialogue between art and science, leading to an interactive conversation with the audience.



Davide Carnevali invited the audience to partake in a delightful tasting experience at the bar, with organic wines and products from the land of Oltrepò, providing a unique opportunity for a sensory exploration. Attendees could indulge in a tactile and olfactory experience, allowing them to not only savour but also smell and touch the essence of the "healthy land" personally brought by Prof. Pileri from his own country house.

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