MODSCAPES KICK-OFF EVENT
MODERNIST REINVENTIONS OF THE RURAL LANDSCAPE

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Piazza Leonardo da Vinci 32 - Milano Città Studi

Monday March 20th          Castigliano Hall (building 5, ground floor)
Tuesday March 21st          Beltrami Hall (building 5, ground floor)
Wednesday March 22nd        Meeting Room (building 14, ground floor)

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The present event presents the MODSCAPES project, funded by HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area) within the programme "Uses of the Past". MODSCAPES deals with 20th-century large-scale agricultural development schemes, entailing reclamation works, inner colonisation, resettlement processes, landscape architecture. Conceived and implemented in the different geographical and political contexts, in Europe and beyond, such schemes for the modernization of the countryside were functional to nation-building policies. The resulting rural landscapes were largely overlooked as a transnational research topic, although they provided a testing ground for the ideas and tools of environmental and social scientists, architects, engineers, planners, landscape architects and artists, converging around shared challenges.

While comparing different case studies, the project also aims at framing these contexts against future change and challenges.