

TRACCE LIBERE

SECOND EDITION



CONFISCATED ASSETS: PUBLIC POLICIES AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Libera strongly feels the need to strengthen the dialogue between sites of knowledge production and civil society, in order to foster opportunities for discussion and exchange on the challenges related to the study of mafias and corruption, as well as the strategies developed to counter them.

For this reason, in continuity with the spirit and themes that have always characterised the association, Libera is organising the second edition of the conference "Tracce Libere", entitled "Confiscated Assets: Public Policies and Social Transformation."

Over the last thirty years, scientific, literary, and media production on mafias and anti-mafia practices has grown considerably. The knowledge developed over time has been enriched by books, films and series, theatre performances, and investigative journalism. Within academia, studies and research have been conducted across different territorial contexts and levels of analysis, both in Italy and abroad, while spe-

cialised programmes have also emerged within undergraduate and postgraduate academic training.

Within this context, Libera has consistently promoted analyses and research on particularly urgent and significant issues through the production of in-depth reports, either independently or in collaboration with associations, media organisations, universities, and research centres. The objectives have remained constant over time: to encourage the dissemination of data-driven knowledge capable of raising public awareness, and to bring the experience of communities engaged in the fight against mafias into educational and training contexts.

Following the previous edition, "The Memories of Anti-Mafia" the second edition of "Tracce Libere" aims to provide a space for discussion on confiscated assets, analysing current challenges and critical issues while reflecting on future strategies for engagement.

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

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The management and social reuse of assets confiscated from mafias currently represent one of the most significant fields through which to reflect upon the relationship between democratic participation, territorial development, and social innovation. Thirty years after the approval of Law 109/96 on the public and social reuse of confiscated assets, the debate is now confronted with new legal, institutional, and economic transformations, as well as persistent critical issues related to governance and transparency, together with challenges concerning project sustainability and the capacity to generate long-term impacts on communities.

The second edition of “Tracce Libere” seeks to promote a multidisciplinary reflection on confiscated assets, considering them not only as instruments for the patrimonial fight against organised crime, but also as spaces through which to rethink practices of citizenship, public policies, and local development models. The objective is to advance knowledge on the topic from different perspectives by bringing theoretical approaches, empirical research, and comparative analyses into dialogue.

The conference welcomes both theoretical and empirical contributions from a variety of disciplines and research methodologies. Rather than functioning merely as a showcase of experiences, the conference seeks to create a space for

critical discussion capable of identifying, through the various contributions, possible trajectories for development and reflection on confiscated assets, both in terms of public policies and in relation to the practices and strategies of associations, movements, and territorial actors engaged in anti-mafia work.

The conference will address questions and themes such as, but not only:

1. The evolution of Italian legislation: what challenges and critical issues?
2. Public space as a collective asset: when do confiscated assets become commons?
3. Shared administration and co-design: new practices of urban governance
4. Calls for proposals and enhancement projects: how do they become opportunities for local territories?
5. The educational function of confiscated assets
6. Social economy and the reuse of confiscated property
7. Data and transparency as drivers of democratic participation
8. Confiscated assets as instruments of civic memory
9. The European and international dimension: from Directive 1260/2024 to newly approved regulations
10. Social cooperation and the world of labour: models of alternative development

The conference aims to gather contributions from a broad Italian and international audience including activists, members of organisations engaged in the fight against mafias, investigative journalists, teachers, scholars, precarious academic workers, and university faculty members. The intention is to foster an open and plural dialogue between experiences of study and analysis emerging from different yet complementary contexts.

HOW TO APPLY

If you wish to participate, please **complete the following form: bit.ly/traccelibere2026**

Application deadline: June 22, 2026

Notification of acceptance: July 6, 2026

Dates: From 10:00 AM on Friday, November 6, to 5:00 PM on Saturday, November 7, 2026

Venue: Extralibera, headquarters of Libera, Via Stamira 5, Rome

Participation is free of charge and lunches will be provided to attendees.

The conference language is Italian. One or more sessions may be held in English, depending on the number of requests received.

During the conference, participants will have access to the “Roberto Morrione and Santo Della Volpe” Documentation Centre, and special openings of the Extralibera multimedia exhibition path will also be organised.

For more information, please contact:
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