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Ilaria Valente is a Full Professor of Architectural and Urban Composition in the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies at the Politecnico di Milano. She graduated in Architecture from the same university and obtained her PhD in Architectural Composition from Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia.

She currently serves as Vice Rector for International Affairs at the Politecnico di Milano and is a Delegate for the New European Bauhaus @Polimi project, having previously held numerous institutional roles. A member of the Academic Board for the PhD programme in Architectural Urban Interior Design – DASTU and head of the ARS Lab – Architecture Resources Strategies research laboratory of DASTU, she is also an external member of the Committee for Design Quality at the Italian Public Property Agency (Design Structure).

She has developed theories and design contributions on tools and methodologies for interventions in marginal urban areas, focusing on the form and figure of open and public spaces, as well as on descriptive and interpretive methodologies of settlement morphologies, infrastructure architecture and building infrastructure in contemporary territories.

She is the author of more than 100 essays and articles and has published and edited several monographs. A speaker at numerous international seminars and conferences, she has also served as a Visiting Critic and has delivered lectures and talks at various schools of architecture in Italy and abroad.



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## Vision

Internationality and multiculturalism: these are the key aspects that emerge from Iliaria Valente's vision of the Politecnico di Milano and guide her work as Vice Rector for International Affairs.

Gradually establishing itself as an international university that includes a diverse community of students, faculty and alumni, the Politecnico di Milano has broadened its engagement and collaboration with key global partners over the years. It has become part of prestigious European alliances such as Idea League and Enhance, as well as international networks that foster research and mobility for both faculty and students. This condition, which underpins the University's Strategic Plan, should be continuously nurtured, expanded and updated to meet contemporary challenges, with the ability to interpret an international landscape increasingly marked by instability and fragmentation.

In the internationalization process, which aims to attract young talent and foster a multicultural and cosmopolitan community, the university's deep roots in the city of Milan also play a pivotal role. With its strong academic institutions and robust economic fabric, Milan is highly attractive to students and professors worldwide, just as the well-defined concentrations of the territorial campuses make them appealing for academic pursuits.

As emphasized by Valente's own commitment to further the university's global reach, it is also essential to support students, PhD candidates, young researchers and professors in accessing high-quality international experiences in engineering, architecture and design.



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