

# Visiting Italian lecturer to discuss post-earthquake reconstruction

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(Sept. \*\*, 2016) The UTSA Center for Cultural Sustainability—a research center housed in the College of Architecture, Construction and Planning—welcomes guest lecturer Eleonora Laurini as she presents “**Learning From Disasters: Reconstructing Houses, Rehabilitating Community After the 2009 L’Aquila Earthquake.**”

The lecture comes in the aftermath of a 6.2 earthquake that struck **Amatrice**, Italy, last month—killing more than 200 people and leveling centuries-old historic structures.

Laurini, a civil engineer and PhD candidate in the Department of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Building Environment at University of L’Aquila, Italy, was an undergraduate in 2009 when a similar quake devastated her hometown. During (Mon)day’s lecture, she will discuss **the issues the community experienced after the quake, her role in efforts to rebuild participating actively in the design process for reconstruction**, and how lessons learned from the L’Aquila earthquake can apply to current recovery efforts.

- **EVENT:** “Learning From Disasters: Reconstructing Houses, Rehabilitating Community After the 2009 L’Aquila Earthquake”
- **WHEN:**
- **WHERE:** UTSA Downtown Campus, Monterey Building, 301 S. Frio St., Room 1.108 (The Gallery)
- **TICKETS:** The lecture is free and open to the public.

The lecture is organized by Prof. William A. Dupont, UTSA Center for Cultural Sustainability, Prof. Simonetta Ciranna and Prof. Pierluigi De Berardinis, University of L’Aquila, Italy and Dr. Angela Lombardi, UTSA CACP.

## About the CCS

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