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Emilio Faroldi, Architect and PhD, is Executive Vice Rector responsible for the Development and enhancement of University spaces of Politecnico di Milano, where he is Full Professor of Technology of Architecture.

He carries out teaching and research activities dealing with issues related to architectural design with a focus on the relationships between conception, design, and construction of architecture.

Author of numerous publications in the field of architectural and technological design, he presided over and coordinated, for over a decade, the study courses in Architecture Sciences and Architectural Design at Politecnico di Milano.

He has participated in numerous design competitions, receiving awards and mentions. He has carried out works in Italy and abroad, some of which have been published in leading magazines.

Former Editor in Chief of the scientific magazine *TECHNE - Journal of Technology for Architecture and Environment*, he is Director of the University Master in Sport Design and Management and head of the PhD course "Italian Architecture and Construction from the Post-War period to nowadays. Dialogues between Inheritance and project".

Professor of the International Academy of Architecture, he is Member of the Scientific Committee of the CSAC, Centro Studi e Archivio della Comunicazione in Parma.



Vision

“The visiting card of a university lies in how the space educates the students.” In the role of Vice-Rector with responsibility for the Development and enhancement of university spaces, Emilio Faroldi cares deeply about issues concerning the relationship between teaching, research, internationalization, sustainability, and the spaces in which they take place.

Spaces constitute an excellent barometer of avant-garde, innovation, and social contribution that a university brings to society and the urban context in which it is located. The university campuses thus become bearers of these ideals by hosting welcoming places where education unfolds without cultural barriers and where diversity is considered a value.

The role of the university within the urban context has changed: from an institution separated from the territorial context to a true integral part of the city. As Faroldi recalls, the university embodies the values of the territory in which it is located and consequently represents an engine of innovation and development for the urban system, triggering a dynamic transformation capable of activating processes of urban renewal and economic revitalization.

The organization of university campuses in Milan is a central theme in the debate on urban growth prospects. For this reason, Politecnico di Milano aims to define a model of a “campus beyond the campus”, in close contact with the city, so that it can serve as a guide at the European level.

The Bovisa-Goccia project is an emblematic example of an increasing interaction between Campus and City, by transforming and reclaiming the suburbs around the Bovisa area from a former working-class district to a place of experimentation and innovation. Indeed, the project envisages not only the expansion of the Bovisa campus but also the creation of an innovation hub with areas dedicated to services for students, businesses, and citizens. This is a new way of conceiving university education, where academic training is complemented by daily life and sport.



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Among the numerous projects, the first of the two gasometers located near the campus will be allocated for sports activities and personal well-being. Across three levels, it will be provided with a swimming pool, a multi-sports field, and a fitness area.

The environment that constitutes Politecnico di Milano physically embodies its ideals and values. For this reason, space management plays a fundamental role in implementing the university's strategy in terms of valuing people, social responsibility, education, research, and sustainability.

It is no coincidence that the theme of "university's spaces" plays a crucial role in the Politecnico di Milano's Strategic Sustainability Plan, from the regeneration of both outdoor and indoor areas, always placing the quality of life and the psycho-physiological well-being of people at the center. Among the various objectives, there is a focus on defining an energy requalification plan for all university buildings, applying the Net Zero Carbon standard for the design of new buildings and spaces, renewing existing green areas, and introducing new ones. Among them are Parco Boveri, Parco dei Gasometri, and the pedestrianisation of Via Pascal and Via Edoardo Bonardi.

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