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Daniela Morpurgo is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning (DIST), Politecnico di Torino, Italy, and a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Anthropology at Stanford University, USA. She is supervised by Professor Michele Lancione at Politecnico di Torino and Professor Angela García at Stanford University.

Since 2021, her research has explored the housing and homing experiences of sex workers in Italy, examining the intersections of housing, labour, stigma and urban marginalisation. Her work has appeared in leading academic journals, including Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR), and Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers.

Building on this work, she is currently developing GLOWS – When the Lights Go Out: Sex Work(ers) in the Decay of Urban Entertainment. The project investigates the experiences and roles of informal and illegalised workers, particularly sex workers, in entertainment-driven urban economies undergoing processes of decline, transformation and rebranding. Focusing on two case studies – Las Vegas (USA) and the Adriatic Tourist District (Italy) – Daniela examines the changing relationships between urban economies, tourism, labour and the production of desire.