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Palermo, the Italian Capital of Culture 2018, is a city at the crossroads. Situated at the heart of the Mediterranean, it has always been a meeting-point of cultures leaving a multi-layered cultural heritage that is unequalled in its diversity. But Palermo also stands at a crossroads because, after decades of degeneration, it now experiences a moment of remarkable urban revival. New cultural initiatives and public-private partnerships have taken root, while migratory developments once again underline the centrality of Palermo as a crossroads of civilization. The question that Palermo now faces is which road to take: the one that leads to sustainable urban development and social inclusion of newcomers, or the one that leads to mass tourism and commodification of cultural heritage. In this workshop, we will explore this problematic from a multifaceted perspective, integrating heritage and tourism studies with urban planning and architecture, (art) history and archaeology, economics, sociology, law and anthropology. What are the specific challenges Palermo is facing, and what do they tell us about the relationship between cultural heritage, migration and sustainable development, in the modern Mediterranean and beyond.

