## **WORKSHOP**

## CULTURAL EVENTS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO EVALUATE THE IMPACTS AND THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION



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