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Welcome to the European Urban Research Association Conference in Reykjavík 22-26 June 2023

The European City: A practice of resilience in the face of an uncertain future

On behalf of the University of Iceland the EURA 2023 conference is organized by the Faculty of Political Science in partnership with Faculty of Life and Environmental Science and the Institute of Public Administration and Politics.

We are especially grateful for our partners from the City of Reykjavík who have actively participated in the preparation of the conference. We also like to thank the EURA organization as well as the Icelandic Ministry of Infrastructure and the Strategic Regional Plan for their support.

This year we expect 235 presentations in 55 panels and welcome 300 guests from 46 countries. We are especially happy to welcome a large number of young scholars. It is refreshing to see the interest in urban planning and politics research, this gives us hope that the EURA conference will continue to thrive in years to come. We have exciting key notes on Thursday morning with our guests Matthew Carmona from the UK and Tina Saaby from Denmark. On Friday morning we will have a meeting with practitioners where our partners from Reykjavík city will introduce some of their most innovative projects in relation to planning and social innovation in the city. Conferences are an important venue to make new scientific friendship and there is multitude of social events to help with that such as twelve mobile workshops on Thursday afternoon organized by our partners from the city of Reykjavík where we get to complete the day at the opening reception at the Reykjavík City Hall. The Conference Dinner takes place at the old culture house in downtown Reykjavík.

On behalf of the organizing team, I wish you all a successful conference and a pleasant stay in our beautiful city.

Prof. Dr. Eva Marín Hlynsdóttir

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The Conference Venue

Registration

The registration desk is situated at University Square /Háskólatorg (HT). Conference coffee and lunches will also be served there. The HT area also contains the university canteen, Student bookshop and access to the student cellar (Lower ground floor).

Catering other than provided by the conference.

The university campus has several areas where it is possible to sit down for a meal or a drink.

Barista coffee is available at the student bookshop, also at the student cellar and Café in Veröld.

Veröld Café also serves light meals and Student cellar is a restaurant and bar.

Gróska has a food hall with several restaurants and bars (3 min walk from HT)

Maps are available at the conference website www.eura2023.is

Wi-Fi

Conference Wi-Fi will be made available during the conference. Eduroam is also available at the University campus. Háskólabíó does not have Eduroam and has its own free Wi-Fi.

Name badges

Attendees must always wear their name badge while attending the conference. If you misplace your name badge, please advise staff at the registration desk. It is very important that you wear your name badge to the Mobile Workshops, Reception at City Hall and the Conference Dinner.

Exhibition

- Exhibition stands will be in the student bookshop in HT.
- Editors of the EURA conversation will be available for Q&A on Friday during lunchtime in HT.
- Editors of the EURA Journal Urban Research & Practice will be available for Q&A on Friday during lunchtime in HT.
- Jana Sifta from the European Research Council Executive Agency in Brussels will introduce ERC funding opportunities during lunchtime on Thursday between 13-14 in HT-104
- An introduction to Metrex, The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas will take place at 18:10 on Friday in HT-104

Smoking + vaping

Smoking and vaping indoors are strictly against the law in Iceland. If you smoke, please do so outdoors in designated areas and dispose of your cigarette butts correctly.

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In the event of industrial disruption or natural disasters the EURA 2023 Organizing Team cannot accept responsibility for any financial or other losses incurred by the delegates. Nor can they take responsibility for injury, illness or damage to property or persons occurring during the conference or associated activities.

Insurance is the responsibility of the individual delegates.

Disclaimer

The information in this conference program is correct at the time of publishing. The Organizing teams reserves the right to change any aspect of the program without notice.

Program at a glance

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
	A-51	A-50	Á101	Á303	A-69	VH007	VH008	A-52	Á-422	
	Thursday									
8:00-16	Registration desk open									
9:00-9:15	Welcome speech									
09:15-11:00	Keynote by Carmona and Saaby									
11:00-11:20	Coffee break									
11:20-13	1	A-51	A-50	Á101	Á303	A-69	VH007	VH008	A-52	Á-422
13-14	Lunch									
13-14	ERC session, organized by Jana Sifta in HT104									
14-17	Mobile workshops									
18:30- 20:00	Reception city hall									
	Friday									
8:00-17	Registration desk open									
09:15-11:00	Meeting with Practitioners									
11:00-11:20	Coffee break									
11:20-13	2	A-51	A-50	Á101	Á303	A-69	VH007	VH008	A-52	Á-422
13-14	Lunch									
14-16	3	A-51	A-50	Á101	Á303	A-69	VH007	VH008	A-52	Á-422
16-16:20	Coffee break									
16:20-18	4	A-51	A-50	Á101	Á303	A-69	VH007	VH008	A-52	Á-422
18-19	Metrex- HT104									
19:00-19:30	General Assembly - HT104									
20-23	Conference dinner									
	Saturday									
9-11	5	A-51	A50	Á101		A-69	VH007	VH008	A-52	
11-11:20	Coffee break									
11:20-13	6			Á101			VH007	VH008		
12-13:30	Lunch									
	End of conference									

List of Rooms

University Square /Háskólatorg (HT)	The main meeting point at the University area
HT-104	Háskólatorg/University square
HT-300	Háskólatorg/University square
Parallel sessions	
A-050	Aðalbygging/Main building-Entrance on corner next to HT
A-051	Aðalbygging/Main building- Entrance on corner next to HT
A-052	Aðalbygging/Main building- Entrance on corner next to HT
A-069	Aðalbygging/Main building- Entrance on corner next to HT
VH-007	Veröld (Access from HT through tunnel)
VH-008	Veröld (Access from HT through tunnel)
ÁG-101	Árnagarður
ÁG-303	Árnagarður
ÁG-422	Árnagarður
Keynote and meeting with practitioners	
Háskólabíó-Salur 1	University Cinema/Room 1
In Iceland, Ground floor is normally numbered 1	

EURA CONVERSATIONS



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Like all members of EURA, you are interested in international exchange relating to what is happening in cities and communities across the world.

Here in Reykjavík, you are enjoying exchanging views with friendly scholars from many different countries. Why not build on this fruitful experience and offer a contribution to the increasingly influential EURA Conversations series on the EURA website?

The EURA Conversations series is explicitly designed to promote intelligent and constructive international exchange among urban scholars across the world about the future of cities. The editors are actively seeking new insights from people like you! There will be an opportunity to meet us during the conference.

Please come by to have a chat and to let us know your views and suggestions.

During lunch we will be at the **EURA CONVERSATIONS CORNER**.



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4G) Voluntary vs mandatory inter-municipal cooperation: the case of Sustainable Urban Development strategies in Western Sicily, Italy

João Igreja (University of Palermo) and Ignazio Vinci (University of Palermo).

Abstract

Since the 2014-2020 programming cycle the European Union has increasingly emphasised the need for regional development to consider development strategies that involve spatially and economically interlinked territories. An exemplary case is the sustainable development strategies that cities are expected to deliver, for which a wider spatial focus – such as metropolitan areas and/or city networks – and a more explicit reference to the FUAs concept, are advocated. Strategies for these wider spatial configurations entail stronger inter-municipal cooperation and, ideally, multi-scalar governance relations in order to involve a variety of territorial stakeholders. While the benefits of these partnerships to solve a myriad of urban questions is perfectly clear, equally evident are the risks and challenges for policy deriving from the high political fragmentation in these territories. In Italy, municipalities have been cooperating using a highly diversified range of collaborative arrangements, ranging from voluntary organisational networks to mandatory forms of inter-municipal cooperation. At the same time, while some regions have a well-established experience in the use of innovative institutional arrangements, others are still lagging behind. In this context, this study looks into the case of sustainable urban development in Sicily, where new mechanisms to select the territorial targets of the urban agenda have been introduced for the 2021-2027 programming cycle. Here, with the adoption of the FUAs approach to select the eligible municipalities of the urban agenda, a less flexible and bottom-up territorialisation process is being implemented. By analysing the implications of this choice for the West of Sicily urban system, the paper provides a critical evaluation of the pros and cons of this and other territorialisation mechanisms, from both the planning and governance perspectives.

5G. Eco-social practices for sustainable cities (I)

Chair: Antti Wallin (I)

Abstract

This panel seeks ways to promote sustainability transformation in urban governance, planning and everyday lives by exploring the possibilities of eco-social practices. In theory, people reproduce social structures in everyday practices, yet new practices can be seeds for more extensive structural changes. Several researchers, institutional authorities, and politicians argue that we need new ecologically and socially sustainable practices, changing urban institutions and everyday lives. We consider an idea of urban eco-social practices: manifold social, spatial, political and governance practices for a sustainable city. In pursuit of sustainability, cities can create opportunities but also challenges. In the context of sustainability transformation, cities have dual roles in transforming within their own organisation, and in catalysing transformation locally. (Amundsen et al. 2018.) The ways of planning, designing and governing cities, directly and indirectly, affect biodiversity and climate change (de Oliveira et al. 2010). Moreover, the consequences of global warming and biodiversity loss are felt locally as e.g., pollution, floods, water scarcity and heat waves. These consequences interrupt the everyday life and challenge the old practices. Environmental changes and how urban authorities try to solve them also have significant social impacts and bring up contradictory questions that need to be democratically reconciled at the local level. While city politicians and urban authorities try to transform cities' mode of operation toward sustainability, many infrastructural investments can benefit the already well-off, for example, by increasing sustainability-based gentrification or excluding stigmatised neighbourhoods from sustainability investments. Unfortunately, sustainable urban development can increase injustices, but it should instead support socially just and environmentally sustainable eco-social practices (Kotsila et al., 2023). In contrast to top-down efforts towards sustainability, many bottom-up social movements are taking place. These include e.g., community gardening, DIY urbanism, or other urban commons. Successful new eco-social practices support citizens' agency and empowerment. This open panel welcomes presentations examining eco-social practices that are related, forexample, to questions of democracy, inclusion, legitimacy, justice, authority, structures, norms, and agency in urban contexts. These can explore empirically and/or theoretically the inter-connectedness of eco-social practices in urban governance or people's everyday lives.