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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](http://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.

## Liability/Insurance

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	
	<b>Thursday</b>									
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									
	<b>Friday</b>									
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									
	<b>Saturday</b>									
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		
<b>12-13:30</b>	Lunch									
	<b>End of conference</b>									

## 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
<b>Parallel sessions</b>	
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
<b>Keynote and meeting with practitioners</b>	
Háskólabíó-Salur 1	University Cinema/Room 1
In Iceland, Ground floor is normally numbered 1	

# EURA CONVERSATIONS



[www.eura.org/conversations](http://www.eura.org/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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POSTS

**43**  
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**24**  
COUNTRIES

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INSTITUTIONS

By exploring the relationship between different GBGI and self-reported quality of life we aim to be able to better understand the importance of these features for improving people's lives and reducing inequalities within neighbourhoods and across the city. The evidence we produce we hope will further our understanding of how citizens relate to their urban environment, and will help more inclusive decisions to be made by local councils about investment to ensure that all residents, wherever they live, benefit from GBGI which enhance quality of life for urban communities.

### **5A) Advancing sustainability action in cities through partnerships**

Savitri Jetoo (Åbo Akademi University) and Nanuli Silagadze (<https://www.abo.fi>).

#### *Abstract*

More than half the world's population lives in cities, and account for more than 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions. This is recognised in goal 11 of the sustainable development goals which aims at making cities and human settlements safe, resilient and sustainable. Cities are becoming key players in sustainability research through science to policy partnerships. This paper examines cities sustainability partnerships showing how they are developed, the research and action goals, and how this partnership is implemented in practice. It examines the conditions that are necessary for promoting cocreation of knowledge and looks at the integration of different perspectives and approaches, different financing approaches and the creation of new partnerships. It then makes policy recommendations for the changes to support the coproduction of knowledge with cities, for an integrated science-policy-maker-practitioner community.

### **5A) Mapping the Elements of the Compact City in a Post-Socialist Neighbourhood: The Case of New Belgrade**

Nikola Mitrović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Architecture), Aleksandra Djukić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Architecture) and Aleksandra Stupar (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Architecture).

#### *Abstract*

New Belgrade was planned as an automobile-dependent city with a block structure. After the drastic changes it had been exposed to, the block structure remained untouched but with new usages, pedestrian activities, and routes as a final product. These changes are sporadic and scattered, but together there is a system of elements of a compact city making pedestrian-friendly environments. In this paper, based on a conceptual approach, these elements will be mapped in New Belgrade super-block 30, one of the mainly unchanged super-blocks. There are examples of small urban design interventions, such as new park areas, paths, and ramps. It is making the inclusion of different groups of users – from the youngest to oldest ones or recreationists and wheelchair users. Historically, some parts of super-block 30 have been left unfinished in its construction and had formed empty spaces. From undefined large areas to equipped zones dedicated to specific users, these changes created a new perception of communal public spaces by residents in super-block. An aim is to define how inclusive territory is formed. In which way do these changes contribute to making a new identity for this part of the city? They have new gathering places for activities and a new way of belonging to that super-block, at the same time creating new reasons to stay and influence the community in the super-block. In that sense, there was conducted unobstructed observation and semi-structured interviews with residents to examine if new interventions helped the community, their perception, and usage. Connections between these new pockets contribute to making new pedestrian routes as a part of the walking system through the New Belgrade block structure. Planning further development of these activities and routes can help in the transformation of post-socialist block structure neighbourhoods to compact cities and more inclusive and pedestrian-friendly environments.

### **5A) Landscapes as living heritages: the generative role of artistic and creative practices**

Grazia Concilio (Department of Architecture and Urban Studies - Politecnico di Milano), Irene Bianchi (Department of Architecture and Urban Studies - Politecnico di Milano) and Antonio Longo (Department of Architecture and Urban Studies - Politecnico di Milano).



stronger neighborhood belonging, but have no effect on the other dimensions; (b) strong interethnic ties have a positive effect on neighborhood belonging, as well as on civic participation and feelings of safety; (c) negative interethnic ties are associated with lower neighborhood belonging, but do not affect the other dimensions; (d) the effects of strong interethnic ties on cohesion vary more across socio-demographic features (who you are), while the effects of weak ties depend more on one's practices (what you do); and (e) only local institutions that foster both civic participation and interethnic contact have a positive effect for enhancing community cohesion.