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2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Innovation and Participation in Urban Governance:
New Challenges for Local Governments



Italian Geographical Society

Palazzetto Mattei - Villa Celimontana - Rome, Italy

11-12 September 2025

CONFERENCE CONVENORS:

Anna Trono (co-chair IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance)
Jeffrey McNeill (co-chair IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance)

THURSDAY – 11th September 2025

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| 8:00 – 9:00 | REGISTRATION Italian Geographical Society – Palazzetto Mattei -Villa Celimontana |
| 9:00 –9:30 Conference room: Dalla Vedova | CONFERENCE OPENING – WELCOME <i>Welcome</i> Italian Geographical Society President Claudio Cerreti <i>Convenors Welcome</i> |
| 9:30-10:00 | Keynote Speech |
| Conference room: Dalla Vedova | Guglielmo Forges Davanzati – University of Salento. Italy <i>Circular cumulative causation as a general schema for interpreting regional divergences</i> |
| 10:00– 10.30 | COFFEE BREAK: room Antinori |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | |
| PANEL 1 A | Session 1: Urban planning, sustainable development and Agenda 2030 goals |
| CHAIR | Carlos Nunes Silva |
| DISCUSSANTS | Verna Nel Paulo Nascimento Neto |
| Conference room: Dalla Vedova | Maristella De Fabrizio Alessandro Seravalli Maria Prezioso Silvia Grandi |

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| PANEL 1 B | Session 1: Urban planning, sustainable development and Agenda 2030 goals |
| CHAIR | Jeffrey McNeill |
| DISCUSSANTS | Andrea Brown Romeo Hanxhari |
| Conference room: Elio Migliorini | Lucia Leboto-Khetsi Ildikó Egyed, Réka Horeczki Balázs Brucker Anna Trono |
| PANEL 2 A | Session 2: Urban governance and citizen inclusion |
| CHAIR | Antonello Scialdone |
| DISCUSSANTS | Lukas Mikula Eran Razin |
| Conference room: room C | Claudia Palermo Ophir Pines Paz Noam Brenner Chiara Carone, Valeria Cocco |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | LIGHT LUNCH: room Antinori |
| 13:30– 15:30 | |
| PANEL 2 B | Session 2: Urban governance and citizen inclusion |
| CHAIR | Lukas Mikula |
| DISCUSSANTS | Jeffrey McNeill Antonello Scialdone |
| Conference room: Dalla Vedova | Shamiso Hazel Mafuku Mohamed Jadaoui, Ali Aitlhadj Slimane, Dounia Niouf Rassem Khamaisi Inguss Vircavs |
| PANEL 2 C | Session 2: Urban governance and citizen inclusion |
| CHAIR | Silvia Grandi |
| DISCUSSANTS | Balázs Brucker Anna Trono |
| Conference room: Elio Migliorini | Alessandro Viva Paulo Nascimento Neto, Maria Eugenia Fornea Siphokazi Rammile, Abraham Matamanda Verna Nel, Mareli Hugo |

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| PANEL 2 D | Session 2: Urban governance and citizen inclusion |
| CHAIR | Eran Razin |
| DISCUSSANTS | Carlos Nunes Silva Alessandro Seravalli |
| Conference room: room C | Andrea Brown Andreea-Loreta Cercleux, Elena Bogan, Radu Săgeată Romeo & Oriana Hanxhari Filippo Pistocchi |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | COFFEE-BREAK: room Antinori |
| 16:00 – 18:00 | |
| PANEL 4 A | Session 4: Issues and developments in the geography of governance and urban planning |
| CHAIR | Verna Nel |
| DISCUSSANTS | Balázs Brucker Anna Trono |
| Conference room: Dalla Vedova | Tamar Arieli Carlos Nunes Silva Lisann Schmidt Jeffrey McNeill |
| PANEL 4 B | Session 4: Issues and developments in the geography of governance and urban planning |
| CHAIR | Romeo Hanxhari |
| DISCUSSANTS | Antonello Scialdone Silvia Grandi |
| Conference room: Elio Migliorini | Eran Razin Jiri Panek Lukas Mikuła Isara Khanjanasthiti, Bhishna Bajracharya, Daniel O’Hare |
| PANEL 4C | Session 4: Issues and developments in the geography of governance and urban planning |
| CHAIR | Andrea Brown |
| DISCUSSANTS | Paulo Nascimento Neto Valeria Cocco |
| Conference room: room C | João Paulo Jorge Mariusz Sienkiewicz Inguss Vircavs, Lilita Seimuskane, Maris Pukis, Biruta Sloka Beatrice Ruggieri |
| 18:00- 18:30 | GUIDED TOUR OF THE CARTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ON THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROME CITY OVER TIME |
| 19:30 Caffè Ciampini – Trinità dei Monti | GALA DINNER |

FRIDAY – 12th September 2025

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| 8:30 – 10:30 | |
| PANEL 3 | Session 3: New technologies and local government |
| CHAIR | Margherita Azzari |
| DISCUSSANTS | Eran Razin Verna Len |
| Conference room: Dalla Vedova | Gabriella Pultrone Thomas Stewart Pietro Elisei Ema Corodescu-Roşca, Alexandra Cehan, Mihail Eva |
| 10:30 -11:00 | Special Session IGU CoGG Social media survey - Report on survey results - Jeffrey McNeill |
| Conference room: Elio Migliorini | |
| 11:00- 11:30 | Keynote Speech |
| Keynote Speaker | Paolo Veneri - Economic Policy - Gran Sasso Science Institute. Italy <i>From Doughnut Effects to Settlement Networks: Recent Spatial Trends in the European Urban System</i> |
| Conference room: Dalla Vedova | [by remote connection] |
| 11:30 -12:00 | COFFEE-BREAK: room Antinori |
| PANEL 5 12:00 – 13:00 | Annual Steering Committee of IGU Commission Geography of Governance |
| Conference room: Dalla Vedova | [by remote connection] |
| CONFERENCE CLOSING SESSION | |
| 13:00 | |
| Conference room: Dalla Vedova | Conference Convenors |

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