

INTELLIGENCES AND REALITIES

33rd conference of the International Seminar on Urban Form

The International Seminar on Urban Form, titled "Intelligences and Realities," serves as a meeting point highlighting the dynamic interplay between abstract thinking and the tangible reality of urban morphology. Under the banner of "Intelligences," it underscores the importance of transdisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity, integrating both local and global knowledge for a comprehensive understanding. Conversely, "Realities" seeks to showcase the diverse realities of urban contexts, acknowledging the multitude of factors influencing urban form, from social and cultural to economic and political aspects. This conference provides a comprehensive space to explore the complexity of urban morphology from various perspectives, integrating theory and practice to address contemporary challenges collaboratively and reflectively.

The conference will be organized under seven thematic axes that will be developed individually under the section proposals of conference sessions.

1 Heritage, Culture and Identity in Urban Realities

2 Innovative Policies and Practices for Decision-making around Urban Form

3 Transfers and Trajectories of Intelligences in the Theory and History of Urban Form

4 Unveiling Urban Realities: Informality, Segregation, and Exclusion

5 Climate Change and Resilience in Uncertain Urban Realities

6 Integrating One Health Principles into Urban Form for Enhanced Well-being

7 Unlocking Urban Dynamics: Exploring Intelligences and Research Methods

Conference Track

Heritage, Culture, and Identity in Urban Realities

Exploring the interplay between heritage, culture, and identity within urban environments is essential for understanding the complexities of urban realities. This topic explores how different intelligences shape and are shaped by the cultural and historical dimensions of cities. By examining the preservation, adaptation, and reinterpretation of heritage in urban contexts, we aim to uncover the dynamic relationship between urban form and cultural identity.

Innovative Policies and Practices for Decision-making around Urban Form

Effective decision-making in urban planning and design requires intelligence in policy formulation and implementation. This topic examines innovative policies and practices that facilitate inclusive, participatory, and evidence-based decision-making processes in shaping urban form. By exploring case studies, best practices, and emerging trends, we aim to identify strategies for overcoming challenges and achieving sustainable urban development goals.

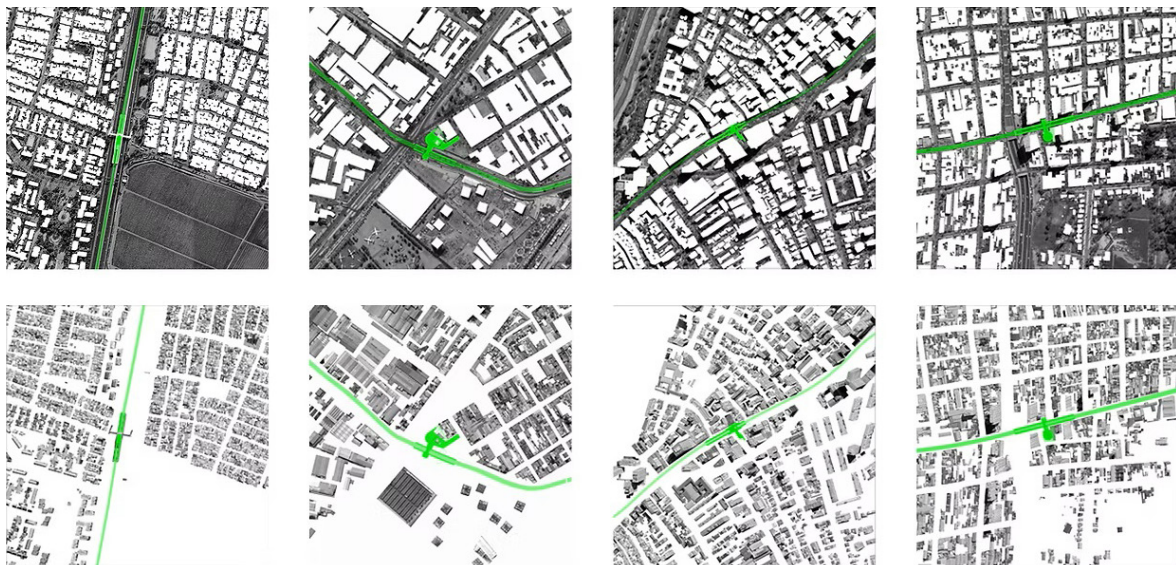
Transfers and Trajectories of Intelligences in the Theory and History of Urban Form

This topic focuses on tracing the trajectories of knowledge transfer and the evolution of intelligences in the theory and history of urban form. By examining the influences, adaptations, and innovations in urban theories and practices across time and space, we aim to illuminate the diverse intellectual pathways that have shaped urban realities. Through critical analysis and synthesis, we aim to uncover the underlying mechanisms that drive the transmission and transformation of urban intelligence.

Unveiling Urban Realities: Informality, Segregation, and Exclusion

Urban realities are often characterized by complex social dynamics, including informality, segregation, and exclusion. This topic explores the underlying causes and consequences of these phenomena, exploring their spatial manifestations and impacts on urban form. By critically examining power structures, inequalities, and marginalization, we aim to unveil the hidden realities of urban life and identify strategies for promoting inclusive and equitable urban environments.

*Figure 1. La Trama del metro,
Rocio Hidalgo*



Climate Change and Resilience in Uncertain Urban Realities

In the face of climate change and increasing urban uncertainties, intelligence in urban planning and design is crucial for enhancing resilience. This topic explores strategies and interventions aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change and building adaptive capacity within urban environments. By integrating scientific insights, technological innovations, and community engagement, we aim to foster sustainable urban development that can withstand environmental challenges and promote resilient urban realities.

Integrating One Health Principles into Urban Form for Enhanced Well-being

Addressing the complex interconnections between human health, animal health, and the environment, this topic explores the integration of One Health principles into urban form. By examining how urban planning, architecture, and design can promote holistic well-being, we aim to foster healthier and more sustainable urban environments. Through interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative approaches, we seek to unlock the potential of urban form to enhance public health and quality of life.

Unlocking Urban Dynamics: Exploring Intelligences and Research Methods

Understanding the dynamics of urban systems requires sophisticated intelligences and research methods. This topic explores innovative approaches and methodologies for studying urban form, dynamics, and transformations. By embracing interdisciplinary perspectives and leveraging advances in data analytics, spatial analysis, and visualization techniques, we aim to unlock new insights into the complexities of urban realities and inform evidence-based decision-making and planning processes.

ISUF Conference Grants for Researchers from Least Developed Countries

ISUF offers two grants to support participation with paper presentation in its 2026 annual conference. These grants are intended for researchers who are both originally from, and currently based in, Least Developed Countries / LDC. The United Nations list of LDCs is available at: <https://www.un.org/ohrlls/content/profiles-ldcs>. Each grant covers the conference registration fee and provides support for flights and accommodation, up to a maximum of €1,500 per recipient. Applications should be sent to the ISUF president at vitorm@fe.up.pt by 10 April 2026. The call for papers has already

been launched, with submission scheduled for 17 February and notification of acceptance on 23 March. The jury will be chaired by the ISUF president and will include two members of the ISUF Executive Committee and/or Council. Applications should include: i. the accepted abstract; ii. a document confirming eligibility under the LDC criteria; and iii. a one-page letter of motivation describing the applicant's interest, as well as past and on-going research in urban morphology.

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17th february: Deadline for reception of abstracts

The abstract should be submitted through the Ex Ordo platform (link below). Please fill in both the submission and the abstract template. Applicants may submit more than one abstract for review.

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