

# From Dichotomies to Dialogues

## Connecting discourses for a sustainable urbanism

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### Call for abstracts

**Deadline: 15 May 2021**

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### Full papers/posters

**Deadline: 30 Sept 2021**

The 14th edition of the International Forum on Urbanism conference is a reflection on and a stepping stone towards resilient urbanism. We would like to invite academics and professionals from around the world to take the opportunity to deliberate on theories and practice and transcend and connect different discourses in urbanism, so as to invent better ways of achieving resilience and sustainability.

The International Forum on Urbanism, IFoU ([www.ifou.org](http://www.ifou.org)) is a network of universities, research institutes and knowledge centers across Asia, Europe and South America, with the task to strengthen the international collaboration in the field of Urbanism.

### Conference theme

As many perspectives exist in the field of urbanism, reflected in studies and practices by scholars, practitioners, policy makers, as well as the daily experiences of people, conflicts in interests and value systems also persist, which call for dialogues between dichotomies of discourses. Nowadays it might not be difficult to have a common definition of urbanism, which is concerned with understanding the spatial organization and dynamics of the built environment and with inventing new ways to maintain spatial quality and equality. However, the world is not yet on the same page about the meaning of resilient and sustainable urbanism, and the ways to approach it. The existing dichotomies of discourses need to be bridged as the challenges cities and regions face now and in the future are enormous, which are affected and determined by unexpected extreme events like the pandemic, economic crisis and climate change.

### Tracks of dialogues

In the 14th conference of International Forum on Urbanism, the participants will be engaged in dialogues that are overarching the different domains, discourses and disciplines defining urbanism. This conference would like to invite you to contribute to the following tracks of dialogues via our call for abstracts:

**Track 1: Human Habitats and/or Territorial Metabolism**

**Track 2: The city is an object and a city is in transition**

**Track 3: Political ecology and adaptive and transformative framework**

**Track 4: Metropolisation and the Right to the City**

**Track 5: Human-centred and nature-based approaches in cities**

**Track 6: "Urban-rural Integration" and "Areas In-Between"**

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