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**Looking to both North and South:
Policy mobility dualities in Latin American urban planning**

Latin American cities have recently pushed urban redevelopment and expansion agendas that have taken the spotlight in the global stage, either by replicating EuroAmerican planning trends or by developing planning models of their own. While scholars have explored North-South and South-South urban policy mobilities, there is a growing interest to understand how these two types of policy transfers are selectively incorporated into the same programs, projects, and institutional practices of Latin American cities.

This panel focuses on why Latin American cities often reference planning models from the North and the South simultaneously, sometimes developing a mix of both, at times emphasizing one and obscuring the other, and other times using them selectively according to the topic or intended audience. How are these planning models being mobilized? Why are they being selectively referenced? How do North and South models coexist within a single urban praxis? We invite participants to present research on the dualistic North-South narratives present in planning issues such as social urbanism, participatory planning, public transit systems, sustainable mobility, social housing, informal settlements, urban redevelopment, and the creation of specialized municipal government departments.

With a mix of work from participants in the fields of urban planning, architecture, geography, anthropology, sociology, and urban studies, we expect this panel to provide critical insights on how Latin American planning operates in a diversity of institutional contexts and across the global North-South divide.

Please send a paper proposal of 250 words (in English or Spanish) to Claudio Sarmiento-Casas (c.sarmiento.casas@mail.utoronto.ca) or Luisa Sotomayor (sotomay@yorku.ca) by **September 1, 2017**.

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