

Workshop: Call for Abstracts

Exploring Urban Environmental Futures in the Global South

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Climate change, rising sea level and flooding risk (among other phenomena) constitute pressing environmental challenges for cities worldwide. Concerns over the environmental future of cities along with ecological, social, political and economic change stimulate debates over the perception and uses of urban nature and become critical questions for research. Imagining and anticipating possible future scenarios are crucial for all those concerned with urban issues, but especially for ordinary citizens dealing with increasing urban complexities in their everyday lives.

In this sense, this workshop invites contributions that explore the nexus between environmental space, agency and competing versions of the future, aiming to shed light on how urban environmental futures are designed, imagined, made and contested by different social actors (local residents, city officials, urban planners, NGOs), with a special focus in the global South. In particular, we welcome contributions that discuss and address those issues paying attention to residents' everyday social practices and how these shape the environmental future of the city. To what extent does this inform processes of inclusive community building and how can urban policies integrate a diversity of voices and foster resilience in socio-politically marginalized neighbourhoods?

We welcome contributions that address and discuss these questions from epistemological, methodological and/or empirical angles, highlighting the relationship between people and their social practices, nature and the urban built environment in times of rapid urban change.



The workshop is directed to researchers and students of Urban Studies, Environmental Studies, Design and Planning, Anthropology, Sociology, Geography, Art and related disciplines.

We would be pleased to receive your abstract proposals (250 words) in English until **15.12.2021**. We will notify the participants by the end of January 22, and publish the program by the end of February 2022.

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Please send your abstracts or further questions to

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