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RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY

AGENDA
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2nd International conference on housing, planning, resilient urban and territorial development: Towards Euro-Mediterranean approaches	
DAY 1 – THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2025 - Venue: Academy of Sciences	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration & Welcome Venue: Academy of Sciences of Albania, Tirana
09:00-09:30	Opening Ceremony Prof. Dr. Besnik Aliaj, Rector, POLIS University Greetings from representatives of Academy of Sciences of Albania, Tirana
09:30-10:10	KEYNOTE 1 Pantoleon SKAYANNIS <i>Professor Emeritus University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development, Professor, POLIS University, Tirana</i> Complexity Factors and Vulnerability Issues in the Development of Metro Networks in Large Cities: Notes on the Case of Tirana
10:20-11:00	KEYNOTE 2 Sokol DERVISHI Professor of Sustainable Design and Climate Change at Epoka University <i>The Climate-Conscious City: Rethinking Buildings and Urban Design for a Sustainable Future</i>
11:10-11:50	KEYNOTE 3 Doris ANDONI <i>Expert on Housing Policy & Urban Development</i> Housing in crisis. Rethinking affordability in Europe and Albania: Challenges, innovation and the path forward
	Q&A - Closing of the session
12:00-13:00 Lunch Break	
13:00-14:45	Session 1_Session chair: Ledio ALLKJA Venue: Academy of Sciences of Albania, Tirana
Room: Aleks Buda	Albania Forest Futures Re-envisioning forests as catalysts for environmental resilience and sustainable development Erez ELLA, Dan HANDEL(15')
	Sustainable approaches to environmental challenges in the Ibër/Ibar river basin through integrated water resources management Gresa FERRI, Gdamir GASHI, Mihone KEROLLI MUSTAFA, Afete MUSLIU (15')
	Contemporary use of historical building typologies. The case of architectural variations to the Northern Albania housing typologies Ledian BREGASI (15')
	Planning for resilience: experiences in DRR and planning in Albania Ledio ALLKJA, Pantoleon SKAYANNIS (15')
	Reimagining urban living: Affordable, sustainable, and innovative housing solutions Erez ELLA (15')
	Economic, social, environmental and landscape values of urban agriculture and its contribute in the sustainability of the cities and other Sherif LUSHAJ (15')
14:30-14:45 Coffe Break	
15:00-16:30	Session 2_Session chair: Kejt DHRAMI Venue: Academy of Sciences of Albania, Tirana
Room: Aleks Buda	Urban transformation and regional disparities in Albania. From transitional chaos to EU- oriented cohesion Fiona IMAMI, Anila BEJKO, Besnik ALIAJ (15')
	Peripheral journeys: Youth mobility, urban margins and social inequality in Naples. The everyday experiences of student commuting and spatial injustice in a Euro-Mediterranean city Domenico Salvatore GALLUCCIO, Luca AMATO, Alessio CRISCUOLO, Francesco De NIGRIS, Emanuele Mauro ABRIOLA (15')
	Tactical Urbanism as a Catalyst. Shaping people-centred mobility in Malta through experimentation Antoine ZAMMIT (15')
	Land distribution and control in urban areas Diana BARDHI, Emre CECEN (15')
	From traffic chaos to walkable communities: can Tirana embrace the 15-Minute city and superblocks? Ilijana HAXHIAJ, MSc. Jeta BEJTULLAHU (15')
	Game of towers . Vertical growth - Horizontal tensions Erjon ÇOBANI (15')
DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2025 - Venue: Polis University	
09:00-09:30	Registration & Welcome
09:30-12:00	Session 3_Session chair: Doriana MUSAJ Venue: Polis University, Tirana
Room: C1	The morphogenetic axes that give life and roots to cities. The case of ancient Aulona Sotir DHAMO (15')
	The Sustainability of Urban Form Through the Reinterpretation of Non-sites: Projects of the Design Thesis Studio Skender LUARASI (15')
	The Structure of Tirana from 1614 to 1943, Continuities, Discontinuities and Relation with Western Cities Gent AVDIJA (15')
	The Lost Courtyard. Exploring the Disappearance of Traditional Urban Interiors in Tirana’s new Typologies Kejsi VESELAGU (15')
	Integrating land-river interactions in the Marzenego river contract. A relational approach to water governance Sofia BESCHI, Filippo MAGNI (15')
	Public Space and Urban Identity Tracing the Shifts of Epidamn Boulevard, Durres Arjola SAVA (15')
	Environmental challenges from constitutional perspective. Albanian case Elsa TOSKA, Blerta MJEDA (15')
	Children and public space: The role of urban structure in safety, mobility and play in residential areas of Tirana" Sindi DOCE, Doriana MUSAJ (15')

09:30-12:00		Session 4_ Session chair: Dr. Luca Lezzerini	
Venue: Polis University, Tirana			
Room: C3		Cooperative dwelling and participative governance. The Wogeno case in Zurich Luca LEZZERINI (15')	
		The impact of demography changes to the national economy, case study Albania Godiva REMBECI, Armela REKA, Leonora HAXHIU (15')	
		Cultural dimensions and entrepreneurial innovation in co-working spaces: Socio-spatial insights from Tirana Belma AJAZI, Xhimi HYSA, Gennaro MAIONE (15')	
		From informal sprawl to gated communities: Evaluating spatial and functional integration in southeastern Tirana Alba GORA, Fiona IMAMI (15')	
		The right to property and the Albanian dilemma of urban development Jon KOLA (15')	
		Mapping the invisible boundaries a data-driven approach to city Delineation Andia VLLAMASI, Tamara LUARASI, Luca LEZZERINI (15')	
		Decentralization of tourism an inter-regional approach Hamez TREZHNJEVA, Doriana MUSAJ (15')	
	11:30-13:00 Lunch Break		
	13:00-15:00		Session 5_ Session chair: Dr. Kledja Canaj
Venue: Polis University, Tirana			
Room: C1		Assessing the Impact of Urban Form on Air Quality. The Case Study of the Ish-Fusha e Aviacionit Neighborhood Gentjan HYKAJ, Greta SHEHU (15')	
		Traffic Alleviation Through the Restructuring of Public Transport: The Case of Tirana Megi DAJKO (15')	
		"From kasbah to modernity" a historical analysis of street patterns, building typologies, and public spaces in the ‘Kala’ neighbourhood" Adea KULLA, Artan KACANI (15')	
		How does the form of road infrastructure impact the propagation of traffic-induced noise in urban areas of Tirana? Kelvi PETI, Fiona IMAMI (15')	
		The Price of Progress: Unveiling the Environmental Cost of Urbanization in Tirana through Life Cycle Assessment Kledja CANAJ (15')	
		Assessing water quality and pollution sources in the ‘Kune-Vain-Tale’ lagoon Sidorela CERENI (15')	
		Understanding the challenges within new models of post-disaster, smart urbanism: The case of the Tirana riverside project Ervin GOCI, Suzanne HARRIS-BRANDTS (15')	
	13:00-15:30		Session 6_ Session chair: Prof.As.Dr. Llazar KUMARAKU
Venue: Polis University, Tirana			
Room: C3		Conducting research through international networking with multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches in the field of technological and environmental design in architecture. The case of the Italian Society of Architectural Technology (SITdA) Theo ZAFFAGNINI (15')	
		Fractals for future cities Claudia VAN DER LAAG (15')	
		Between ideology and identity. A comparative study of socialist hotel architecture in Albania and the Balkans Malvina ISTREFAJ (15')	
		Fractured Justice, Contested Space. Mapping Tirana’s Post-Socialist Urban Transition Anila BEJKO, Besnik ALIAJ (15')	
		Urban planning in the polycrises era as “The substance of things hoped for”: Scientific research, teaching, and spatial design in the context of Polis university Llazar KUMARAKU (15')	
		"Vertical growth and urban morphology: High rise towers reshaping Tirana’s city form." Eneida MUHAMUÇI (15')	
		“Art in Public Spaces, Creative Cultural Productions” Iris CANAJ (15')	
		Durrës After Transition: Urban Identity at the Edge of Time, Tourism, and Transformation Vjola ZIU (15')	