

Institute of Architecture and Urbanism Department of Architecture

The Laboratory for Child, City, and Environment is organizing the:

6th International conference on the City and Housing:

Environmental and Social Challenges

October 22-23, 2025 University of Batna1, Batna, Algeria

Conference Languages:

Arabic, English, French

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Call for Participation

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Important Dates

Abstract Submission*: 06/25/2025
Initial Acceptance Notification: 07/10/2025
Full Paper Submission Deadline: 09/20/2025
Final Acceptance Notification: 10/10/2025
* Abstracts should be submitted in both the article's original language and English, with a maximum of

300 words.



Conference Problematic

In light of the accelerating environmental, social, and economic transformations shaping today's world, housing and urban governance have emerged as central issues that directly impact the well-being of communities and individuals. These challenges represent strategic priorities for nations striving to achieve sustainable development. In particular, climate change and rapid urbanization demand a fundamental rethinking of housing production models and the urban policies within diverse national contexts.

Within this framework, the 6th International conference on the City and Housing: Environmental and Social Challenges, organized by the Laboratory for Child, City, and Environment at the University of Batna 1 in celebration of Arab Housing Day and World Cities Day, aims to provide a multidisciplinary academic platform for the holistic examination of housing and urban issues. The conference seeks to analyze the range of environmental, social, and economic challenges that profoundly influence housing policies and patterns of urban life, with a particular focus on the Arab world.

While highlighting the Algerian context as a rich case study, the **conference** adopts a comparative perspective by engaging with international and regional experiences in city planning, urban governance, and housing production. It aims to explore how climatic, cultural, and social factors shape planning strategies, and to examine the ways these challenges impact the architectural and urban character of cities. The event also aspires to identify approaches for developing design and planning frameworks that are more responsive to local environmental and societal realities. Through its thematic axes, the conference seeks to foster academic dialogue and comparative analysis across diverse urban models, contributing to the redefinition of urban policies grounded in justice, sustainability, and contextual relevance.

Objectives of the conference

This international **conference** aims to:

- Analyze contemporary environmental and social challenges facing cities, particularly in Arab and Mediterranean contexts, in light of climate change, economic crises, and evolving social dynamics.
- Examine the specific challenges of the Algerian context, including its climatic diversity, social structures, and community needs, and their implications for housing models and urban governance.
- Explore international and Arab experiences in urban planning and housing production, in order to draw lessons and identify new approaches that reconcile environmental and social imperatives.
- Propose sustainable design and planning alternatives that respond to the needs of both residents and relevant institutions, while aligning with local environmental and cultural specificities—thus contributing to improved quality of life.

Conference Themes

The symposium will address a set of thematic areas that reflect the multidimensional nature of issues related to the city and housing. It provides space for diverse analytical and field-based approaches, including:

- 1. Challenges of Urban Development in the Face of Social and Cultural Transformations
- 2. Environmental Challenges Facing Cities and Their Implications for Housing
- 3. Urban Planning in the Context of Environmental Risks
- 4. International and Arab Experiences and Perspectives