

## Call for abstracts

The Department of Habitat and Urban Development of ITESO, Jesuit University of Guadalajara, through its four postgraduate courses, in collaboration with the international university network Routes Towards Sustainability, invites you to submit abstracts to participate in traditional presentations or short dynamic presentations in the

### **5° INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF HABITAT AND SUSTAINABILITY: Possible Futures Beyond 2030**

The Congress will take place from **April 9 to 11, 2025**, at ITESO, Jesuit University of Guadalajara, and Casa ITESO *Clavigero*. In its fifth edition, this Congress has consolidated as an academic space that encourages analysis, reflection and exchange between the academic and professional fields through various activities such as keynote lectures, parallel sessions with research presentations or short dynamic presentations, discussion tables, workshops and other spaces that encourage direct dialogue between diverse actors.

The central theme, “**Possible futures beyond 2030**”, invites us to evaluate the results of global initiatives such as the *Sustainable Development Goals*, the *New Urban Agenda* and the *Paris Agreement* to propose plans, projects and initiatives with a critical and proactive vision and perspective towards the future, based on global achievements, local impacts, pending challenges and emerging agendas. This call for abstracts seeks the participation of **researchers, students and professionals from various sectors and disciplines** to explore and debate possible futures beyond the 2030 agendas. We aim to address topics such as urban resilience, sustainability, justice, adaptability, building efficiency, social innovation, and other issues related to developing prosperous habitats.

We invite abstracts for **in-person presentations** in two formats: **traditional presentations** (presentations of research advances or results) and **short dynamic presentations** (multimedia presentations or digital posters sessions from students in the first semesters of postgraduate studies and professionals). Entries can be in **English or Spanish**, although it must be considered there will be no simultaneous translation. Abstracts must have a **maximum length of 300 words** and align with one of the **four congress themes** presented below.



## Theme 1: Urban Resilience

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Given the climate crisis and its expected impacts in the coming decades, it is essential to develop reflections, actions and solid urban mechanisms to identify and anticipate the risks that may affect human settlements and natural environments. To face these situations, plans, programs, projects, and initiatives must focus on foreseeing and action measures towards resilience to guarantee a better future. Preference will be given to proposals with the following approaches:

1. **Community capacity building:** empowering communities through environmental education and awareness and strengthening local systems to build capacity to prepare for and respond to climate crises based on good community resilience practices against interconnected risks.
2. **Adaptation and anticipation:** creating flexible urban systems with infrastructure and societies capable of resisting and anticipating disasters, as well as developing advanced technologies to monitor and manage multiple risks.
3. **Impact mitigation:** implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions through renewable energy, sustainable resource management, and developing mitigation projects.
4. **Transformation and conservation:** integrating social, economic, political, environmental and cultural sustainability aspects in planning and territorial management through the promotion of projects that seek to transform deteriorated territories into green and healthy environments and the conservation of natural resources.

## Theme 2: Just and Sustainable Cities

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With the increase in urban population and the complexity of human settlements worldwide, it is necessary to develop proposals that promote social, spatial, economic, cultural, political and environmental justice with a multi-scalar view (metropolis, municipality, city, locality, neighbourhood). Preference will be given to proposals with the following approaches::

1. **Spatial justice:** ensuring equitable access to housing, water and basic services with urban planning models and projects that prioritise social and economic inclusion.
2. **Urban governance:** encouraging public participation in decision-making and co-design and implementation processes to promote social cohesion and ensure public policies that respond to community needs.
3. **Heritage preservation:** safeguarding tangible and intangible heritage, from built environments to life-sustaining natural resources and cultural traditions.
4. **Urban mobility:** planning from a perspective of intermodality to achieve equity, efficiency and sustainability in the mobility of people and goods in urban environments.
5. **Public spaces and green areas:** promoting and managing public spaces, urban green areas and green infrastructure to create more sustainable urban environments and increase the capacity to provide ecosystem-based services.
6. **Circularity:** implementing regional-scale circular models and peri-urban agriculture systems to ensure fair and sustainable food production and consumption in cities.

## Theme 3: Adaptative and Efficient Projects and Buildings

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Given the high impact that the construction industry has on the planet, it is necessary to design and construct buildings, urban spaces and adaptive and efficient infrastructures that guarantee the “right to the city” in its different dimensions. This vision must consider individual buildings as well as urban or territorial frameworks as “common goods”, which contribute to transforming the city of the future into the true “common home” for humanity. Preference will be given to proposals with the following approaches:

1. **Technological innovation:** developing technological systems that contribute to reducing the negative impacts of construction, such as producing renewable energy, energy-efficient buildings or infrastructure and devices for saving, storing and conserving water and/or energy resources.

2. **Sustainable design and construction:** promoting construction projects with innovative materials and technologies that minimise environmental impact and are based on principles of adaptability and efficiency.
3. **Resilient infrastructure:** implementing infrastructure capable of facing climate disasters and adapting to urban and environmental challenges in key sectors such as transportation, services and communications.
4. **Water and land management:** developing building projects considering the responsible use of water and land and contemplating urban and environmental impact mitigation strategies.

## Theme 4: Prosperous Habitat

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Habitats go beyond the urban and encompass all life forms on the planet. A systemic and participatory vision is required to recognise the challenges from daily life and local communities to global production and distribution processes. Social innovation and community development initiatives are needed to promote fair, supportive, sustainable and responsible environments using resources and conserving biodiversity. This innovation can range from innovative strategies and actions focused on design and technology to models of conservation, preservation and management of biodiversity. Preference will be given to proposals with the following approaches:

1. **Local economic models:** promoting local economies based on context-based realities, including productive chains and social and solidarity economy schemes.
2. **Social innovation:** valuing local traditions and technologies to develop sustainable products and processes.
3. **Quality of life betterment:** developing products and services that improve the quality of life, contribute to reducing the ecological footprint and emissions in the atmosphere and/or strengthen social equity and local productive sectors.
4. **Just and sustainable food systems:** developing transsectoral and transdisciplinary public policies for resilient, equitable and low environmental impact local food systems.
5. **Sustainable agriculture:** implementing agricultural practices that respect the environment and biodiversity and promote alternatives from agroecology to replace harmful practices of agroindustry.

6. **Health and nutrition:** promoting food production models that ensure equitable access to safe and nutritious food, as well as strategies to combat malnutrition and disease.
7. **Education and training:** including sustainability in education and training programs to promote more just and sustainable environments to face global challenges.

## IMPORTANT DATES CALLS FOR ACTION



## Costos

Type of Participation	Early Bird registration (before 15 March 2025)	Regular registration (after 15 March to 9 April 2025)
Presenters and attendees from Universities ( <i>current students and academic staff</i> )	\$ 600 MXN	\$ 800 MXN
ITESO alumni	\$ 600 MXN	\$ 800 MXN
General Public (presenters and attendees outside universities)	\$1,000 MXN	\$1,200 MXN

## Relevant information

- **This is an in-person Congress.** Online participation is not considered.
- To appear in the final program and obtain proof of participation, **at least one of the authors must pay the registration fee and attend the Congress.**
- There will be **two publications**: a) All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference book of proceedings, and b) All participants with accepted abstracts can send the full article to be reviewed by peers in a double-blind format and, if selected, will be part of the academic publication.
- The **traditional presentations** by researchers or postgraduate students will be carried out in parallel sessions under the coordination of a moderator and time slot for questions and answers.
- **Short dynamic presentations** for postgraduate students and professionals will comprise 3-minute multimedia presentations or digital posters in spaces provided for networking and knowledge-exchange interactions in the Congress.
- All participants with a paper who send their article in full participate in the **Routes towards Sustainability International University Network Award for "Research on Sustainability"** in collaboration with ITESO.
- Any questions about this call for abstracts should be sent to the email [ccient.consust@iteso.mx](mailto:ccient.consust@iteso.mx)

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## Routes towards Sustainability International University Network Award for “Research on Sustainability”



The **Routes Award** aims to highlight and recognise the best research that contributes to the advancement of ideas regarding urban sustainability. It will be awarded to the **three best articles** that innovatively and comprehensively address the **concepts of resilience, social justice**, and the creation of a **prosperous habitat** for future generations.

The proposals must present a deep and critical analysis of current sustainability models, identifying their limitations and areas for improvement. Based on this reflection, the authors are expected to propose **viable and novel alternatives** that offer a renewed and adaptive vision to build a **sustainable** future.

Some questions that could guide the conceptual or practical analysis, include (but are not limited to):

1. How effective have current urban sustainability models been in addressing cities' environmental, social and economic needs?
2. In what areas do current urban sustainability strategies fail or are insufficient?
3. How can the resilience of cities be improved in the face of future challenges (climatic, social and economic)?
4. What practical or innovative alternatives can be implemented to reformulate the future in a sustainable, inclusive and equitable way?
5. How can transversal collaboration between public, private and community actors be encouraged to build a more sustainable, inclusive and equitable urban model, guaranteeing balanced and effective participation?

The three winning articles will obtain a price from the Routes network and will be published in an academic volume at the end of the conference.