

# IGU Commission on Geography of Governance & Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning - University of Lisbon

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### Local Government and Urban Governance: Citizen Responsive Innovations in Europe and in Africa

Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning  
University of Lisbon, Portugal  
Lisbon - Portugal  
9 - 10 April, 2015



### Call for Papers

The 2015 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission on 'Geography of Governance' (IGU-GoG), to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, 9 - 10 April 2015, at the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning – University of Lisbon, aims to explore recent developments in local government and urban governance in Europe and in Africa, challenges and opportunities confronting local government, and the recent reforms and institutional experiments on both continents.

We welcome proposals for papers on any aspect of the broad area of local /urban governance, but would particularly encourage papers on three main themes:

- Theme 1 - Local Government and Urban Governance in Europe: the impact of austerity, recent reforms and the role of local government in an 'EU Urban Agenda'
- Theme 2 - Local Government and Urban Governance in Africa: democratic decentralization, good governance and the role of local government in the 'Post-2015 Agenda'
- Theme 3 – The use of ICT to expand the role of citizens in Urban Governance: national cases and international comparisons

### Participation in the Conference & Selection criteria

- Participation in the conference requires the presentation of a paper
- The working language of the conference will be English
- All submissions will be peer-reviewed for content and appropriateness to this conference



- Information on registration and conference fee will be available soon in the conference website
- If necessary, contact us to discuss any ideas that you might have for a paper on these or on other related issues, even if with a focus outside Europe or Africa

### **Expected Outcomes**

- One of the expected outcomes of the conference is the publication of a selection of papers in a book and in peer-reviewed scholarly journals

### **Conference Convenor & Organization**

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### **Conference venue**

- Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning  
University of Lisbon  
Lisbon, Portugal

### **Conference website**

- <https://sites.google.com/site/locgovgeo2015/home>

### **All inquiries, expressions of interest, and abstracts should be sent, by e-mail, to:**

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