



International Geographical Union  
Commission 'Geography of Governance'

International Conference  
Local and Urban Governance: Trends, Challenges  
and Innovations in a Globalizing World

4 - 7 September 2019  
University of Cape Verde  
Praia - Cape Verde

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Conference on Local and Urban Governance: trends, challenges and innovations in a globalizing world, convened by the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Geography of Governance and organized in collaboration with the University of Cape Verde (UNICV), will be held in Cidade da Praia, Cape Verde, on September 4-7, 2019.

The Conference aims to explore and to discuss the changes, challenges, and innovations confronting Local and Urban Governance worldwide in the context of the new global urban agendas. It will be a forum for the discussion of the state-of-the-art of research on local and urban governance, in the different regions of the world.

Within this overall goal, the 2019 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance also aims to provide the opportunity for comparisons between African municipalities and African cities as well as comparisons with those in other regions of the world, in particular in the Global South.

The conference is organized into two main tracks:

Track 1 - Local and Urban Governance and the New Global Urban Agendas - aims to address and to discuss new trends, innovations, and future challenges in the field of local and urban governance, independently of the world region or continent.

Track 2 - Local and Urban Governance in Africa - aims to address and to discuss specific governance issues in the African context, with emphasis given to the history of local and urban governance in the continent, as well as to the possibility to learn from the African experience in the field of territorial governance. This track will explore local and urban conditions and processes in Africa and their implications for territorial governance. It will provide the opportunity for comparisons between African cities but also with other cities in the Global South.

A detailed list of possible topics is available in the conference website.

In each of these two tracks we welcome country and cross-country approaches, studies of individual cities or municipalities, and the comparison of cities, municipalities or countries with one another, and with those in other regions of the world.

### PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE, SELECTION CRITERIA AND SESSIONS ORGANIZATION

- Participants in the conference are expected to present a paper (oral presentation).
- All co-authors present in the Conference need to register and pay the conference fee.
- All abstracts submitted will be double blind peer-reviewed by the Scientific Committee for content and appropriateness to this conference.
- The working language of the conference will be English.
- Panels in French, Portuguese, and Spanish will also be considered. If interested to present in one of these languages, please contact us before submitting the abstract. Translation services will not be provided.
- More information in the conference website.

## ABSTRACTS

- All colleagues interested in participating in the conference are invited to submit, by e-mail, an abstract with approx. 250 words, by no later than 31 January 2019, to:  
Carlos Nunes Silva, IGU Commission Geography of Governance  
E-mail: [igu.geogov@gmail.com](mailto:igu.geogov@gmail.com)

- If necessary, contact us to discuss any ideas that you might have for a paper on the proposed themes and issues or on other related topics.
- Successful applicants will be informed by 15 February 2019.

## PUBLICATION

- It is expected that a selection of conference papers will be published.
- More information in the conference website.

## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

- Registration & Payment Period: 15 February - 15 April 2019
- Conference fee: 100 Euros
- Participants are responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation costs.
- The organization of the conference cannot provide financial support to participants.
- More information on registration will be sent to participants in the conference.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission deadline for abstracts: 31 January 2019
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 15 February 2019
- Registration and payment: 15 February - 15 April 2019
- PowerPoint Presentation (PowerPoint file): during the conference
- Full paper for publication: date to be announced during the conference

## CONFERENCE VENUE

- University of Cape Verde  
Campus Palmarejo, Av. Ilha de Santo Antão  
Praia, Cape Verde

## CONFERENCE e-MAIL & WEBSITE

- Conference e-mail (IGU Commission e-mail): [igu.geogov@gmail.com](mailto:igu.geogov@gmail.com)
- Conference website: <https://sites.google.com/view/geogov2019/>