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Cities and Global Challenges

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Is urbanization a threat to humanity or an opportunity to tackle global challenges? In many discourses, urbanization is portrayed as an unwanted process that causes a lot of harm to both “civilization” and nature.

However, if we want to tackle global challenges, such as climate change or pandemics like COVID-19, we have to change the discourse on how we describe urbanization. We must highlight the benefits that urbanization has brought to society. The main reason an increasing number of people have moved to cities over the last century is because cities are an attractive place to live. Cities can offer opportunities for decent jobs and better public services. Nevertheless, cities can also improve the chances to find solutions to global challenges, as they are concentration of knowledge and financial and human resources. Thus, we need to flip the problem. There are many opportunities for win-win strategies between global sustainability challenges and development in urban areas, or synergies, particularly in developing countries where cities are still being built and the path of urbanization can be changed.

Nevertheless, despite all that we have learned about urbanization and the possible co-benefits opportunities since the last century, we lack understanding of the contextual and institutional conditions that make those solutions emerge. Therefore, this track will discuss the opportunities to find local solutions in cities and local governments to global challenges. Authors are welcome to present academic research and practical knowledge on the role of cities in providing lessons and opportunities to advance the sustainable development agenda in the realm of public administration.

As Egypt is the host of the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP 27) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and also of the 12th World Urban Forum (WUF) in 2024, the American University in Cairo (AUC) is organizing a symposium and a special issue on the topic of cities and climate change in developing countries in a Q1 journal. Authors of selected research work in the track will be invited to submit a full paper to the symposium on cities and climate change to be held in Cairo in the first half of 2023.

Practicalities

- Submissions should be made in English or Arabic.
- The call-for-papers and panels will remain open until November 30th.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent by December 15.
- Full papers will be expected by January 8th.

The conference will take place on February 6-9, 2023, in the School of Economics, Administration and Public Policy (SEAPP) of the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, in Qatar. The PhD symposium will take place on February 6; all plenary and parallel sessions on the themes, proposals and panels will be scheduled on February 7-9.

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