

Call for papers

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When Quito hosted Habitat III in 2016, Ecuador committed to be at the forefront of the New Urban Agenda's implementation and to address the severe challenges of a rapid and unsustainable urbanization that is ongoing in the country.

With this Trialog edition, we intend to critically assess the outcome of these commitments and describe the conditions that are present in Ecuadorian cities, five years after Habitat III. We invite authors to share their insights and studies of the urban sector, particularly in reference to transitions and new visions in urban development.

As we depart from an understanding of the city as a system in progress, shaped by a multitude of actors and their co-production of space, visions and values, we invite abstracts that reflect on the development of national agendas and policies, the collaboration between institutions and society, and of transdisciplinary and alternative approaches of and within the urban sectors. Seeking evidence for breaking with the strong path dependencies prevailing in urban practices, we look forward to contributions that consider new forms of governance and multi-level planning for the different scales and territories. Simultaneously, and considering that the New Urban Agenda calls for inclusiveness and diversity, we ask to look into the applications of participatory approaches as well as the Right to the City in Ecuador. We encourage authors to reflect on the approaches made in research, policy making and capacity development in terms of an enhanced understanding of urban sustainability.

This look on urban Ecuador will apply a two-fold perspective: it first observes the visions and the discourse on new ways in urban development, particularly on sustainable development. At the same time, it scrutinizes the contributions made so far by diverse stakeholders in providing the required understanding, policies and actions to ensure sustainability in the urban realm. The questions that are to be answered by the forthcoming edition can be grouped in four sets:

Main dilemmas for urban development: How is the complexity of unsustainable urbanization in Ecuador perceived and addressed? What causes wicked urban problems and why are they not sufficiently addressed? How do current urban policies address these problems? What is the present state of social, cultural and environmental challenges?

Conceptualizations of sustainable urban development: What are the current aims and visions in urban development? How is the relation between social and physical development defined and how are urban diversity and sustainability considered? How have new visions been

introduced to the discourse and where is this discourse happening?

Roles and rules for stakeholder engagement: Who are the influential actors in urban development? What kind of stakeholder relations prevail in the urban sector, particularly: how do governments, civil society and academia interact, e.g. in the co-creation of knowledge and visions? What is the role of applied research? What are the different stakeholders contributing to urban development and how are they organized? What is the position of Development Cooperation? Who contributes effectively to change making?

Approaches and transformations: What solutions are promoted within and outside of urban policies? What kind of interventions have been successful? How do top-down versus bottom-up interventions relate to decentralized government structures? How have alternative approaches outside of mainstream politics emerged?

Contact:

Interested authors are invited to submit an abstract of up to 300 words describing the topic, approach and relevance of their article on one or more of the indicated thematic areas in either English or Spanish. Please include full contact details and a brief biography of each contributing author (up to 100 words per author) and submit as a single document to:

editor@trialog-journal.de by April 15, 2021.

Authors will be notified of the selection by May 10, 2020. Full papers to be submitted on June 31, 2021. For further inquiries please write to *jachnow@ihs.nl*

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Abstract submission deadline:
April 15, 2021

Decision on abstract proposal:
May 10, 2021

Manuscript submission deadline (4,000 – 5,000 words):
June 31, 2021

Reviewers' Feedback:
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Revised paper's submission deadline:
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