

CALL FOR PAPER – TRIALOG CONFERENCE 2026
**Resilient Peri-Urban Transformations and
Sustainable Land Governance**
Dortmund, Germany, 16th – 17th November 2026

The Subject

Peri-urbanization, a global phenomenon driven by rapid urban growth, weak governance, and unaffordable housing, creates transitional hotspots of land transformation. These areas feature mixed land uses, competing claims, institutional fragmentation, and social marginalization. Environmental consequences include farmland loss, habitat fragmentation, flood risk, and water stress. Yet peri-urban regions also foster innovation through hybrid governance. Overlapping formal and informal institutions produce legal ambiguities—e.g. conflicting urban and rural zoning—leading to insecure tenure, informal settlements, and harm to marginalized groups. Peri-urban areas are vital for resilience, providing “edible green infrastructure” such as food production, flood regulation, and biodiversity corridors.

An Exchange on Adaptive Urban Futures and Resilient Frameworks

A resilient framework must balance urban growth, rural livelihoods, ecosystems, and equity. This requires moving beyond static zoning toward adaptive, polycentric governance. Key elements include participatory land rights mapping, flexible tools for peri-urban agriculture, cross-sectoral coordination, and recognizing informal actors as legitimate stakeholders. The framework should capture dynamic transformations and complex actor interactions.

Consequently, the conference invites papers looking at the following topics:

Track I. Defining the peri-urban / peri-urbanisation

a theoretical perspective to contextualise and localise peri-urban and peri-urbanisation in territorial governance.

Track II. Dynamics of peri-urbanization

analysis of the underlying drivers of peri-urban land use change, demographic shifts, infrastructure and evolution of peri-urban economies

Track III. Governance frameworks for resilient peri-urban development.



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IMPORTANT DATES

June 30 2026:	Deadline abstract submission
July 31 2026:	Confirmation of Acceptance
October 1 2026:	Registration opens
October 31 2026:	Deadline paper submission

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