


Southern Urbanism Co-Net: Negotiating Rural Urban Futures

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
April 1st - May 30th



UNIVERSITY
OF LAGOS

LAGOS, NIGERIA 2026

SOUTHERN URBANISM CO-NET

NEGOTIATING RURAL-URBAN FUTURES

August 16-26, 2026



CONFERENCE THEME

The Southern Urbanism Co-Net (SU Co-Net) fosters collaborative knowledge production on urbanism across the Global South. Building on the collaborative ethos of the 2024 Shanghai Conference (Tongji University), it emphasizes relational perspectives that capture the everyday realities, diverse actors, and complex processes shaping cities. Southern Urbanism as an evolving epistemological framework, guiding interdisciplinary research, teaching, and practice. This conference brings together architects, researchers, scholars, built-environment practitioners, students, government agencies, climate-heritage organizations, and global stakeholders to examine these intersecting forces and co-create pathways toward equitable urban futures.

The 2026 Lagos Conference highlights the challenges and opportunities of postcolonial urbanism in Southern cities and beyond, including legacies of spatial inequality, rapid rural-urban migration, environmental pressures, informal expansion, and governance constraints. It explores how urban processes, spatial forms, and policy frameworks can guide urbanization toward resilience, equity, and livability. The conference aims to reshape urban scholarship and practice by nurturing cross-continental knowledge exchange, strengthening research networks, and promoting partnerships that redefine sustainable and culturally attuned urban futures.

HOST

- Faculty of Architecture,
- Department of Architecture
- Department of Landscape Architecture & Urban Design
- Department of Interior Architecture & Design
- Department of Urban & Regional Planning
- Architecture & Urbanism Research Hub, University of Lagos, Akoka

ACCOMODATION

University of Lagos Guest Houses.

TRACK I

Rural As New Urban

TRACK III:

Infrastructuring and Governing Rural-Urban Futures

TRACK V:

Open track

TRACK II:

Rethinking Urbanism and Climate Heritage in Rural-Urban Trajectories

TRACK IV:

New Axes of Southern Knowledge: Theories, Methods, and Epistemologies

ABSTRACT/ PANEL SUBMISSION

We invite submissions for individual abstracts and proposed panels that engage in multi-scalar, multidisciplinary dialogues on how decolonial approaches, climate-responsive design, indigenous knowledge systems, and socially grounded design-planning can collectively transform city-making processes.

CONFERENCE ORGANISING TEAM

College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University, China
Tokyo Metropolitan Public University Corporation, Japan
Ardhi University, Tanzania
Mumbai, India
AMP Lab, EnsaPLV, Paris, France.
Faculty of Architecture, Abdullah Gul University, Turkey
University of Lagos, Nigeria

TIMELINES

April 1st- May 30th Call for Abstracts
June 10th Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts
Aug 17-22nd Student Workshop & Exhibition
Aug 24-25th Main Conference Activities
Aug 26th Field Trips

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Sunday, 16 August 2026 - Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Lagos, Nigeria

Urban As New Rural

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