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Since the beginning of the third millennium, the rapid changes that contemporary societies are facing are radically transforming the perception and the structures of our cities. New topics seem to dictate the political agenda, suggesting alternative options to manage the emerging urban mutations.

An increasingly “data driven society” is forcing the migration into an almost immaterial world, prompting Information and Communication Technology together with the Smart City.

The crisis of the traditional real estate industry, propelled by the global finance system, is contributing to re-evaluate the theme of Public Space as a “space of encounter, sharing, experience and inclusivity”, mapping the everyday life to discover unexpected Urbanities, through the application of innovative strategies and tools.

As an immediate consequence, new “forms” of cities are strongly brought to our attention: the “city of sharing”, the “city of temporariness”, the “city of Life between buildings”, giving an unexpected impulse to incremental Urbanism of evolving cities.

In such a way, the very idea of the city is radically under discussion. We are then required to answer these numerous questions in order to define the scientific coordinates for the City of the 21st century. In that respect, the conference is calling experts in the field to reflect upon the following main topics:

- > **Communities and Governance** <
- > **New methods and Technologies for the urban analysis** <
- > **Reading the changing Urban Form** <
- > **Designing a sustainable Urban Form** <

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## The urban morphology of cities in the future: Évora and Setúbal – Portugal

Track: Reading the changing Urban Form

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The way cities have organized and developed, since their first human settlements, show the marks of the idiosyncrasies of the populations that gave rise to them, whether in the cultural, socio-economic, religious, and functional spheres. A comparative appreciation of the cities of Évora and Setúbal will be done in their evolutions during a period comprehended between the middle ages and the present time, while cities contained in walled enclosures, in the middle ages, until the present urban expansion. In the name of progress, at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, there was a very significant expansion and transformation of the urban fabric, creating the need to adapt to new circumstances brought about by the automobile, and by the new social aspirations and their insertion in the city, historic cities have seen many of their symbolic and identity elements disappear. The disproportionate urban growth and new trends, alerted to new organizational objectives, having returned to the previous model of the historic city with spaces for pedestrian circulation. In the future, it will be harder to predict a morphological model to follow. Recent events, such as the pandemic, created a new paradigm of work, because if this trend continues, the movement of people will be drastically reduced. In a global society in constant and rapid transformation, with such mutable and unpredictable factors, it is sensible to consider flexible planning strategies regarding urban expansion, but relentless regarding its heritage essence, because unpredictability, everything will be open.

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