TRACK 8: ETHICS AND VALUES

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Description:

The rapid pace of urbanization, growing socio-economic disparities, and various ecological crises are among the pressing challenges that require greater attention to justice in urban planning processes. For instance, the current discourse on planning for green transition takes differing forms in different types of locations, such as central and peripheral places. Planning often produces various positive and negative externalities, frequently impacting urban areas and regions in unequal ways.

Furthermore, the increasing cultural and socio-economic diversity of urban populations raises crucial questions about the very notion of justice: is justice something that can be universally defined, or does it involve acknowledging differing and specific cultural values that may conflict with each other in urban and regional planning processes? In short, how can contemporary planning remain ethical while addressing conflicting values to ensure justice for everyone?

With these questions in mind, this track invites contributions that engage with both theoretical perspectives on justice, ethics, and values in planning, as well as empirical examples of how planners and planning systems have succeeded — or failed — in advancing ethical approaches to urban and regional planning in different parts of the world. We particularly welcome contributions that examine ethics in planning and discuss the challenges of creating, guaranteeing and preserving urban and regional justice.

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