

Abdelhamid Ibn Badis University of Mostaganem



Faculties of Science and Technology & Arabic Literature and Arts ARCHIPEL Architecture and Environmental Heritage Laboratory Tahri Mohamed Béchar University & The Department of Urban Planning, Architecture, and Construction of the Wilaya of Mostaganem

Organize

National interdisciplinary symposium:

Extension: an impossible city? Announcement

As part of their scientific activities and their commitment to thinking about contemporary urban challenges, the Faculty of Science and Technology at Abdelhamid Ibn Badis University in Mostaganem, in partnership with the ARCHIPEL laboratory at Tahri Mohamed University in Béchar, are announcing the organisation of a scientific symposium entitled "Extension: an impossible city? This event, to be held on **14 and 15 December 2025** in Mostaganem, is intended to provide a forum for multidisciplinary exchanges between researchers, urban planning professionals, architects and decision-makers, with a view to questioning current models of urban expansion, their limits and their alternatives in the face of social, economic and environmental change.

The national interdisciplinary symposium "The extension: an impossible city?" calls into question the traditional frameworks of urban planning, highlighting the diversity of forms of extension (growth, sprawl, suburbs) and the need to recontextualise them. In Algeria, these extensions, which are often poorly perceived, nonetheless bear witness to social and spatial innovations. The symposium proposes to go beyond traditional oppositions to consider these territories as urban laboratories and new centralities.

The national interdisciplinary symposium, "Extension: an impossible city", brings together the fields of architecture, urban planning and social sciences. It aims to examine the dynamics of urban expansion in Algeria and their territorial impact, by highlighting the plurality of forms of extension.

The symposium also aims to move beyond traditional oppositions (formal/informal, planned/spontaneous) to consider these spaces as laboratories for urban innovation, bringing new centralities and alternative models of development. Contemporary urban planning is marked by expansionary dynamics that challenge traditional frameworks of urban production. The example of Barcelona, analysed by Cerdà, shows the importance of an integrated approach that takes into account spatial, social, political and economic dimensions. The diversity of terms related to urban expansion highlights the complexity of contexts and calls for critical analysis. In Algeria, these expansions are often perceived negatively, influenced by European models. However, they embody specific forms of urbanity, revealing dynamics of local appropriation outside institutional norms. It is therefore essential to move beyond simplistic oppositions and recognise these territories as spaces of urban innovation, bringing new ways of 'making cities'.

Schedule

Deadline for receipt of proposals: **24-10-2025**

Decision on acceptance or rejection of proposals:
16-11-2025

Deadline for submission of PPT presentations of
selected proposals: **01-12-2025**

Conference dates: **14 & 15-12-2025**

reflection

1. Between expansion and city: redefining territories;
2. The role of urban planning tools in the production of the city within expansions;
3. Urban expansion and socio-spatial inequalities: a fragmented territory;
4. Rethinking centrality in urban expansion: between emergence and consolidation;
5. Appropriation and production of space by inhabitants: between individual strategies and collective dynamics;
6. Urbanization models in the face of local realities: hybridization and adaptations
7. City in crisis or urban planning in transition? Moving beyond traditional paradigms;
8. The impact of urban expansion on the environment and natural resources.

Proposal format

Teachers, researchers, doctoral students, and interested professionals are invited to submit their proposals in the form of an extended curriculum vitae of no more than 500 words, followed by five keywords. Proposals should include: the full names, statuses, institutional affiliations, telephone numbers, email addresses, and short biographies (no more than 50 words) of each author or co-author. They should be sent electronically only, no later than October 24, 2025, to the following addresses:

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Scientific Committee

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Category

- Urban Studies (Main Category)
- Architecture
- Social Studies

Participation fees

- Teachers and researchers: 7,000 DA
- Students: 2,000 DA
- Professionals and socio-economic sector: 10,000 DA

Keywords

Urban expansion, Territorial dynamics, Social appropriation, Spatial innovation, Emerging centralities, Informal cities. Alternative models.

Information and submission details

For any further information, please write to the following addresses: colloque@extvilimpo.univ-mosta.dz or mustapha.djerradi@univ-mosta.dz. All documents related to the organization of the conference (abstracts, PowerPoint presentations, full articles, personal information and documents of participants, if necessary, etc.) should be sent from the email addresses provided.

Honorary President of the Conference

- Prof. Hammou Bouziane Amine Rector of Abdelhamid Ibn Badis University.

President of the Conference

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President of the Organizing Committee

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Long abstracts (approximately **1,500** to **3,000** characters or **300** to **500** words) should clearly highlight:

1. **Title**
2. **Author(s)**
3. **Last name(s), first name(s), affiliation(s), email address(es).**
4. **Keywords**

- 4 to 6 relevant keywords, ranked from most general to most specific.

5. Introduction / Problem statement

- General context;
- Research topic;
- Scientific or professional issues;
- Main research question(s).

6. Methodology

- Theoretical or conceptual approach;
- Methods or tools used (case study, survey, spatial analysis, etc.);
- Fieldwork or corpus;
- Results / Contributions.

7. Main results expected or obtained

- Original contributions to the discipline;
- Critical discussion, if applicable.

8. Conclusion / Outlook

- Summary of contributions;
- Possible limitations;
- Avenues for future research.

Main references

Proposals will be evaluated by the scientific committee, and authors of selected papers will be invited to present their work in Arabic, French, or English.

The format for presentations during the conference is a PowerPoint file created using a template designed by the organizing committee and sent to contributors **10** days in advance. Presentations should not exceed 15 slides.

Based on the pre-approved abstracts and papers presented during the conference, authors will send the full version of their article (first draft). This should correspond to a text of between 55,000 and 60,000 characters maximum (including spaces), an abstract of between 1,000 and 1,500 characters in Arabic, French, and English, and a short biographical note of approximately 600 characters. Bibliographical references should be formatted according to APA 7th edition standards.

Participation details

The conference will be held in person or remotely on the dates indicated, on the campus of the Faculty of Science and Technology at Abdelhamid Ibn Badis University in Mostaganem.