

THEMES & SUBTHEMES

Accessibility and Spatial Justice

Active Mobility and Inclusive Transport Planning

15-Minute City and Chrono-Urbanism

Neighborhood-Based Approaches: Sustainable Neighborhood Planning and Design

Planning For Vulnerable and Underrepresented Groups

Participatory and Co-Creative Planning Methods

From Knowledge to Action: Connecting Research, Policy and Planning

DAY 1 / 21.10.2026

Institutional Context and the Broader Perspective

Opening Ceremony

Welcome Speech

- Gazi University Rectorate, Dean
- Head of Department, City and Regional Planning

City and Regional Planning at Gazi University in 100th Anniversary

- Departmental Legacy, Education and Research

Theme: 100th Anniversary, Planning Discipline and Accessible Cities

Opening Keynote

Accessible Neighborhoods: Why Is Implementation Still a Challenge?

- Hermann KNOFLACHER

Keynote Lecture:

Accessibility- Versus Mobility-Based Planning; Approaches, Perspectives, and Measures - Samira RAMEZANI

Plenary Panel-Reframing Urban Accessibility - Moderator: Ebru Vesile ÖCALIR

- Accessibility as a planning paradigm
- From Mobility to Access and Green Transition - Marco KEINER, IEGR
- Spatial Justice and Funds - Göktuğ KARA, EEAS

Thematic Session A - Moderator: Çiğdem VAROL ÖZDEN

- Planning education, disciplinary transformation and future agendas
- The role of universities in shaping inclusive cities

100th Anniversary Reception & Exhibition

- Departmental archive, student works, research milestones

DAY 2 / 22.10.2026

Neighbourhood Scale & Project Special Sessions

Theme: Active Mobility, 15 Minute city and AccessCity4All

Keynote Lecture:

Transformative urban and regional planning as an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary effort - Alois HUMER

Flagship Project Session-AccessCity4All (DUT)-Moderator: Janina WELSCH

- Comparative neighborhood accessibility
- Adapting the 15-Minute City to diverse urban contexts

Thematic Session B - Moderator: Hülâgü KAPLAN

- Active mobility, walkability and cycling planning
- Inclusive transport policies and everyday mobility

Keynote Lecture:

Designing Walkable Cities: Why Perceptions Matter - Anna-Lena STROMS-VAN DER VLUGT

Project Session-AccessCity4All (DUT)

- Active mobility and vulnerable groups
- Methods: walk-along interviews, participatory mapping, co-creation

Thematic Session C - Moderator: Leyla ALKAN GÖKLER

- Participatory planning, co-creative methods and urban living labs
- Bridging research and planning practice

Neighborhood Tour-Emek Mahallesi - Moderator: Nilgün GÖRER TAMER

DAY 3 / 23.10.2026

Practice, Policy, and Future

Theme: From Local to Global-Planning, Policy, and Impact

Keynote Lecture:

From Proximity to Well-Being: Reframing the 15-Minute City through Healthy and Age-Friendly Environment - Eduarda MARQUES DA COSTA

Thematic Session D - Zeynep Aslı GÜREL

- Planning for ageing societies and children
- Gender, disability and inclusive urban design

Thematic Session E - Moderator: Ela BABALIK HAMİTOĞLU

- 15-Minute City: concepts, critiques and adaptations
- Context-sensitive neighborhood planning

Roundtable Discussion - Moderator: Özge YALÇINER ERCOŞKUN

From Research to Policy: How Can Accessibility Research Shape Urban Decision-Making?

Municipalities, Institutions, NGOs

Closing Session

Keynote Lecture:

Accessibility-Oriented Planning in Türkiye: Bridging National Policies, Municipal Practice, and Local Realities - Ruşen KELEŞ & İlhan TEKELİ

- Conference Highlights & Synthesis
- AccessCity4All Project Reflections
- Gazi University City and Regional Planning: Looking Ahead to the Next Century

ACCESSIBLE URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS

International Conference

21-23 October 2026
Ankara, Türkiye



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INVITATION LETTER

Hosted by the Department of City and Regional Planning at Gazi University, this international conference is organized in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Gazi University.

The conference brings together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, civil society actors, and young researchers to explore how accessibility, active mobility, and neighborhood-based planning can foster more inclusive, livable, and sustainable cities.

Focusing on neighborhood-scale planning, everyday mobility, and people-centered urban environments, the event responds to growing inequalities in access to urban opportunities. By integrating the principles of Chrono-Urbanism, the conference also examines how time, daily rhythms and temporal resources shape accessibility and urban life.

You are cordially invited to participate in the international conference "Urban Neighborhoods Within Reach: Accessibility, Active Mobility and 15-Minute Cities" hosted by Gazi University at the Rectorate Building in Ankara.

Join us to bridge research, policy, and practice and to contribute to discussions shaping the future of urban planning as we look toward the next century.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline (International Participants)

30 April 2026

Notification of Acceptance (International Participants)

30 May 2026

Registration Deadline (International Participants)

30 June 2026

Abstract Submission Deadline (Turkish Participants)

15 June 2026

Notification of Acceptance (Turkish Participants)

15 July 2026

Full Paper Submission Deadline

(Gazi University Journal of Science Part B: Art, Humanities, Design and Planning - optional)

1 September 2026

Registration Deadline (Turkish Participants)

1 September 2026

Announcement of the Detailed Conference Programme

5 October 2026

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CONFERENCE VENUES & ACCOMMODATION

The opening will take place at the Gazi University Rectorate Hall in Beşevler Campus, while the other sessions will be held at Yükseliş Hall in the Faculty of Architecture at Gazi University Maltepe Campus.

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation.

Ankara offers a wide range of accommodation options, varying in both standards and price levels. Participants are strongly advised to make their reservations well in advance of arrival.

Please see on the map to view some hotels located around the conference venues, Gazi University Rectorate Building and the Faculty of Architecture.

The accommodation options shown are provided for guidance only and are not limited to these listings; participants are free to make their own arrangements according to their preferences.



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