

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 (9.45-10.15)

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 (10.15-11.00)

Planning Cities for Everyday Life: Accessibility, Equity and Urban Futures

- Hermann KNOFLACHER

Keynote Lecture (11.15-12.00)

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

Low Speed Bicycle Activity- Ankara Bicycle Council (12.45-13.45)

Plenary Panel-Reframing Urban Accessibility - Moderator: Ebru Vesile ÖCALIR (13.45-14.45)

- International Transportation Projects and Funding - Ceren UZUN, TÜBİTAK
- From Mobility to Access and Green Transition - Marco KEINER, IEGR
- Spatial Justice and Funds - Göktuğ KARA, EEAS

Thematic Session A - Moderator: Çiğdem VAROL ÖZDEN (15.00-16.15)

- Planning education, disciplinary transformation and future agendas of accessibility

100th Anniversary Reception & Exhibition

- Departmental archive, student works, research milestones

Slow Cycling Event by the ACC Bicycle Assembly and Gazi University Bicycle Community

Student Project Exhibition (16.15)

DAY 2 / 22.10.2026

Neighbourhood Scale & Project Special Sessions

Theme: Active Mobility, 15 Minute city and AccessCity4All

Thematic Session B - Moderator: Hülagü KAPLAN (Yükseliş Hall, 9.00-10.15)

- Active mobility, walkability and cycling planning

Keynote Lecture (Yükseliş Hall, 10.30-11.15)

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

Flagship Project Session-AccessCity4All (DUT)-Moderator: Janina WELSCH (Yükseliş Hall, 11.15 -12.15)

- Evaluating the 15-Minute City in Ankara
- Walking in the 15-Minute City with older adults and families
- What Shapes Perceived Accessibility?
- The role of belonging and place attachment.

Poster Sessions (13.30-14.15)

Keynote Lecture (Yükseliş Hall, 14.15-14.45)

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 C1 - Moderator: Leyla ALKAN GÖKLER (Parallel Session) (Yükseliş Hall, 14.45-15.30)

Thematic Session C2 - Moderator: Burcu ÖZÜDURU (Parallel Session) (Engineering Faculty Seminar Hall, 14.45-15.30)

- Participatory planning, co-creative methods and urban living labs

Poster Sessions (15.45-16.30)

Neighborhood Tour-Emek Mahallesi - Moderator: Nilgün GÖRER TAMER (16.30-18.00)

DAY 3 / 23.10.2026

Practice, Policy, and Future

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

Thematic Session D1 - Zeynep Aslı GÜREL (Parallel Session)

(Yükseliş Hall, 09.30-10.15)

Thematic Session D2 - Metin ŞENBİL (Parallel Session)

(Engineering Faculty Seminar Hall, 09.30-10.15)

- Planning for ageing societies, children and inclusive urban design

Keynote Lecture (Yükseliş Hall, 10.30-11.15)

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

Thematic Session E - Moderator: Ela BABALIK (Yükseliş Hall, 11.30-12.45)

- Context-sensitive planning, blue-green neighborhoods

Poster Sessions (13.30-14.30)

Roundtable Discussion - Moderator: Özge YALÇINER ERCOŞKUN (14.30-15.15)

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

Keçiören Municipality, Çankaya Municipality, Parabol Mobility Company and Ankara Bicycle Council, Çiğdem Çörek Öztaş (Senior Researcher)

Closing Session

Keynote Lecture (15.15-16.30)

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

*There are no registration fees for this event.

ACCESSIBLE URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS

International Conference

21-23 October 2026
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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)

31 May 2026

Notification of Acceptance (International Participants)

25 June 2026

Registration Deadline (International Participants)

15 July 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

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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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