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The emergence and development of new forms of governance are nowadays a key issue in urban policy and spatial planning research. Current analysis and debates on urban and territorial governance dynamics show the complexity of institutional changes, and the diversity of new tools and mechanisms of governance involved in urban policy and planning design and practice.

The CITTA conference theme on Innovation in Governance and Decision-Making in Planning seeks to contribute to the debate on the challenge of innovative governance. It aims to address how institutional change and specific power relations interplay with new approaches to urban policy and planning, and how innovative governance processes emerge in, and shape, spatial strategies and policy tools. On this overall context, we would like to encourage contributions covering different urban policy and spatial planning research perspectives.

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# CITTA 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PLANNING RESEARCH INNOVATION IN GOVERNANCE AND DECISION MAKING IN PLANNING

THE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR TERRITORY, TRANSPORTS AND ENVIRONMENT  
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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The one day programme of the CITTA 4th Annual Conference on Planning Research comprises an opening session and three plenary thematic sessions. Keynote speakers will participate in each session, but the plenary thematic sessions will include selected papers, covering: Innovative Governance in Urban Policies; Innovation in Transport Planning and Governance; and Innovation in Environmental Planning and Assessment.

Papers are welcomed on the following topics:

### ***Innovative Governance in Urban Policies***

It is been argued that urban research must be able to specify the particular conditions in which institutional and policy learning and innovation can occur. This session is about the relations between governance changes and policy learning and innovation in urban policies. It welcomes papers addressing topics such as: innovations in policy networks and organisations; the values and frames of reference that shape the designing of urban policies; the ways innovation/change in urban policies relate to innovation/change in other fields of public policies; the theoretical informed evaluation of policy instruments (and of the ways different policy instruments are combined in urban policies).

### ***Innovation in Transport Planning and Governance***

The transport session will try to focus mostly on questions which integrate transportation, innovation, and policy aspects. How can innovation in transport help tackle the key challenges of climate change, energy supply, urbanization, traffic growth and congestion? What innovations are required to get to a sustainable future? What is the transitional path to take us from where exactly we are today, to that future? What are the policy innovations needed to allow new technologies and practices to grow? These questions, applied both to freight and passenger transport and to all the modes of transport, are the main focus of the transport session of the conference.

### ***Innovation in Environmental Planning and Assessment***

Under the wider umbrella of Planning and Environmental Assessment, we welcome the submission of abstracts reporting research work designed to bridge the gap between urban studies of a physical and biophysical nature (e.g. on urban morphology, space syntax, spatial dynamics, growth and shrinkage, accessibility and sustainable mobility patterns, low carbon cities and urban metabolism) and recent innovative approaches and assessment tools tailored to the new and emerging challenges of Environmental Planning Governance.