

Dear all,

Please see the call for papers below for Lasa 2016. If you could also please forward this to your contacts I'd appreciate it.

Kind regards

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### **Building a New Research Agenda in Latin America for Habitat III**

Habitat III, the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, will take place in Quito, Ecuador in October 2016. The objective of the conference is to renew the commitment to sustainable urban development through the implementation of a New Urban Agenda. This process follows Habitat II in 1996 in Istanbul and Habitat I in 1976 in Vancouver. The elaboration of the New Urban Agenda is mobilizing Member States, multilateral organizations, local governments, private sector and civil society, as it is understood that the challenges of urbanization can only be faced collectively.

This session aims to contribute to this effort by mobilizing Latin American researchers and research institutions as well as practitioners in discussing research in Latin America and the New Urban Agenda. The session seeks contributions (experiences, reflections, projects etc.) in the following areas:

1. Habitat agenda in Latin America. Does Habitat III require a new research agenda and if so, what could be its key elements? What are the major themes that have been overlooked by the Habitat Agenda (I, II and III)? What are the key issues in LAC that need further analysis?
2. Theory and methods. What theoretical and methodological approaches could contribute to further the debates around sustainable urban development in the region? To what extent are the development of best practices/urban models essential or counterproductive to LAC sustainable urban development?
3. Multidisciplinary research. What are the main challenges to conduct multidisciplinary analysis and how can they be overcome? What types of teaching methods and structures within research institutions are needed?
4. Knowledge production and dissemination. What are the opportunities and challenges within research institutions and how is scientific research understood in the co-production of knowledge? How can new technologies for knowledge production and dissemination be used? What are the main barriers for the circulation of knowledge in LAC and can these be overcome?
5. Aims and objectives. Are research agendas in the region currently aligned with other stakeholders' aims and objectives (ex, public and sectors, civil society)? To what extent should they be aligned? How can researchers, research institutions' interests and other stakeholders' expectations be bridged? How can we foster stronger alliances among the different actors involved in housing and urban development?

Please send a short abstract (300 words max) by **August 21** to [hector.miranda.09@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:hector.miranda.09@ucl.ac.uk)

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