

CALL FOR PAPER: PUBLIC SPACES FOR COMMUNITY CAMPUSES AND UNIVERSITIES

II International Urban Design Conference

DICEA-SAPIENZA UNIVERSITA' DI ROMA- Via Eudossiana, 18, Roma

5 February 2027



Following the results and discussions of the first Conference on Public Spaces for Community Campuses and Universities, university campuses are increasingly recognized as strategic public spaces where education, social interaction, innovation, and community life converge. Within the framework of the Festival of University Campus Public Spaces, this Second Conference aims to advance the debate on the role of campuses as inclusive, resilient, and sustainable environments capable of responding to contemporary environmental, social, technological, and health-related challenges. The Conference further explores the multifaceted role of campus public spaces in fostering well-being, accessibility, sustainability, and urban integration. Bringing together international scholars, practitioners and policymakers it promotes interdisciplinary dialogue on innovative approaches, best practices, and emerging challenges. Through four thematic sessions, the Conference examines the relationships between public space, healthy lifestyles and food, mobility, cultural heritage, artificial intelligence, and technological innovation, contributing to the development of more livable, connected, sustainable, and community-oriented campuses, while enhancing learning experiences and fostering the well-being, inclusion, and quality of life of students and communities. Building on these premises, the Conference aims to identify, discuss, and promote key research themes, innovative approaches, and best practices related to campus public spaces, while remaining open to emerging and complementary topics, including:

I SESSION (with EURA) LIVEABLE, RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE CAMPUS AND UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SPACES: ANALYSIS, DESIGN, BEST PRACTICES

II SESSION HEALTHY FOOD, CULTURAL HERITAGE AND SPORT ACTIVITIES IN CAMPUS TO IMPROVE LEARNING AND WELLBEING

III SESSION CAMPUS AND THE CITY: UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY, PROXIMITY, [PATHS AND MULTIMODAL INTEGRATIONS](#)

IV SESSION AI, TECHNOLOGIES AND TRADITIONAL CAMPUS PUBLIC SPACES: NEW HYBRIDIZATIONS AND CHALLENGES

DEADLINES

20 November 2026 – submission to publicspaceforcommunities@gmail.com of:

25.000 characters extended paper (word format) + max 2 images or

2500 characters short paper (word format) + 1 Poster in A1 format jpeg 300dpi

12 December 2026- paper acceptance

PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATION

Accepted papers (both extended or short) will be presented at the conference; a selection of both format of papers will be published in an open access volume

Posters will be exhibit on the Festival website

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

CONFERENCE FEE: There is no conference fee.

Partner of the Conference: GUDesign Network

Scientific Responsible: Prof. Marichela Sepe, DICEA Sapienza Università di Roma