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Considering the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030](#) we expect submissions to be aligned, in particular, with priority 1 "Understanding disaster risk".

Track: **1E**

Risks, vulnerabilities and diversity in the globalized world

Description of Track Scope

The idea of diversity and super diversity (Vertovec, 2004, 2007a, 2007b), which seeks to overcome the limitations linked to the use of ethnicity as the primary factor in the explanation of diversity. Also Richard Florida (2004) underlines the importance of diversity as a factor for differentiation and attractiveness with regard to the creative classes, and concludes that the most sought-after cities are those in which there is the greatest ethnic and cultural diversity. However, diversity can also be seen as a risk and a threat to social and territorial cohesion in some city areas that are composed of a multi-ethnic coexistence. But it's important to know in a deeper perspective and to discuss the real capabilities of some vulnerable groups, such as migrants and ethnic groups in the context of resilient communities in globalized cities. In a world of fabricated uncertainties (Beck, 1986), marked by the unpredictability of social life (Giddens and Lasch, 1997) at the global and local scales, old vulnerabilities (socio-spatial and economic inequalities related to discrimination processes) are accentuated, but new forms of deprivation (work, citizenship, leisure, security), precariousness and even expulsion (of the traditional inhabitants of the city centers, the *favelados* (people living in substandard housing) living in areas of real estate interest, the small farmers ...), not only that the vulnerabilities detected tend to persist and to take new figurations, given the erratic and transient nature of the focus of public policies.

Goals

Based on this framework, the objective is to discuss and share multidisciplinary conceptual and methodological instruments mobilized by researchers in the analysis of risks and old and new vulnerabilities at the micro and local scale in the globalized worlds.

Themes

Additionally we try to answer other questions: 1. How should we analyze the diversity and conviviality in a city that is culturally and ethnically diverse can reinforce resilience and inclusiveness? 2. What are the main risks to social and spatial cohesion? 3. And how to provide public spaces that generate dynamics of inclusive, intergenerational and intercultural sociability among all citizens? 4. What is the role of migrants and other ethnic groups in order to strengthen synergies in risk situations (role of stakeholders)?

Other themes:

- The role of public policies in relation to the various valorization, expulsion and resistance processes related to public housing and market policies;
- The configurations of old and new vulnerabilities;
- The role of participatory processes and the empowerment of immigrants, women, ethnic groups from an intersectional perspective;
- The importance of the “culturalization of urban planning” and in management processes;

Deadline

Abstract submissions close 15 April 2018, 12PM, GMT + 1,00 TIME.

For more information and online submission, please visit buildresilience.org/2018

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