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PARTICIPATORY CITIES WITH FULL RIGHTS
participatory democracy and right to city

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**Call for session proposals for the
19TH INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATORY ON
PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY (IOPD) CONFERENCE
in Iztapalapa, Mexico
7, 8, 9 and 10 December 2019**

The Mayor's Office of Iztapalapa has the honor to lead the IOPD during 2019. In this role is organizing this year the 19th Conference of The International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD), which will be held in Iztapalapa, Mexico City, from December 7 to 10 of 2019.

The OIOPD is a network of more than 1000 cities of all over the world and all associations, organizations and research centers interested in learn about, exchange impressions and carry out experiences of participatory democracy at local scale that works in collaboration with the United Cities and Local Governments organization (UCLG).

This edition will be developed around the theme **"Participatory Cities with Full Rights. Participatory Democracy and Right to City"**, and, by this means, the call for session proposals is opened. A strong collaboration between the members and partners of the network and all the participants who want to be part of the conference is highly expected.

You can propose sessions of different character within the framework of the established program and its thematic axes. Also, will be welcome parallel and networking activities proposed by IOPD members, academic, political and municipal bodies, as well as by social networks and movements. The proposals will be selected by the programming committee, based on criteria of quality and diversity according on the availability of spaces.

The Conference is structured in 3 thematic axes:

Axis 1. The stage. From the (neo)liberal city to the construction of democratic cities.

Cities without people and people without cities ... nor rights. ¿and what about democracy? Current dilemmas of participatory democracy and right to city in the mercantil (neo)liberal city from a historical perspective.

Axis 2. The director of the play and the actors in dispute.

Who and how decide and make cities today?

Projects in dispute in the urban jungle: between urban megaprojects and participatory experiences of democratic construction of the city from local governments and social movements. Limits, challenges and alternatives.

Axis 3. The desired plot and the projected outcome.

Participatory cities with full rights. Societies and cities in co-construction.

Democracy, habitat, ecology and economy: indissoluble ecosystem to generate inclusive, equitable, habitable, safe, sustainable, productive, enjoyable and participatory cities and communities. Local-global dialogue between social and municipal agendas, 2030 Agenda and New Urban Agenda.

The Conference will be held in 6 different modalities of activities to encourage a wide range of participation:

- 1. Thematic debate round tables:** The round tables based on thematic axis will have a length each one of one hour and half. These are a place for discussion or exchange of ideas around the thematic itineraries of the conference, which brings together a pre-registered audience and will have a debater who has knowledge of the subject to foster a substantive debate among the participants and make contributions to the dialogue. The round tables are an opportunity for key partners to present theoretical and political reflections and approaches, as well as research results on the thematic axes of the agenda. The Conference will develop 10 thematic discussion tables.
- 2. Experience exchange territorial round tables:** The territorial round tables based on the exchange of experiences will have a length each one of one hour and half. These are a place for discussion or exchange of experiences that will be held in the 13 territories of the Mayor's Office of Iztapalapa. Local experiences and specific learning in the axes of the Conference, will bring together a pre-registered audience with the local citizens of those territories and will have a moderator who has knowledge of the subject and skills to promote a fluid and productive exchange among the participants. The Conference will develop 13 experience exchange territorial round tables in total.

3. **Popular meetings in local districts** will have a length each one of one hour and half. These are exchange visits of the participants in the Conference to specific places in order to know, in situ, experiences and processes, and interact with local actors. The Conference will develop 5 popular meetings in local districts in total.
4. **Utopias workshops:** The utopias workshops will have a length each one of one hour and half. These are focused in activities with structured methodologies in which participants solve problems or deal with challenges working together. They are developed with small groups (maximum 30-40 participants). The Conference will develop a total of 5 utopias workshops.
5. **Art debate sessions:** The art debate sessions will have a length each one of one hour and half. These are the place for exchange of ideas around a film, documentary, video, play or artistic presentation in the thematic axes of the agenda. They will have a moderator linked to the theme of the activity and with skills to foster a fluid and productive exchange between the participants. The Conference will develop a total of 4 art-debate sessions.
6. **Networking sessions:** The networking sessions will have a length each one of one hour and half. These are focused in strengthen alliances, create new alliances or launch joint initiatives on participatory democracy and right to city. The Conference will develop a total of 5 networking sessions.

How to apply:

The deadline for proposals of sessions is **September 15, 2019**, and may be submitted in english, spanish, and french. Please follow this [link](#) to submit your proposal online.

We would like to thank you in advance for your active participation, and necessary dedication time to design, and implement your session. For specific questions, comments, or concerns, please write to oidp2019iztapalapa@gmail.com placing **“Participatory Cities with Full Rights”** in the sujet.

Applicants will obtain information of their requests **no later than October 15, 2019** to facilitate their participation and organization. For the most up-to-date information, please see our website www.oidp2019iztapalapa.org.mx.

