



**Human Development &
Capability Association**

Call for Papers

HDCA 2018 Conference

**“Human Development and Social Inclusion
in an Urbanizing World”**

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Buenos Aires, Argentina**

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Conference theme

Today more than half of the world's population lives in urban areas and that share is expected to reach 66 per cent by 2050. While the intense social, cultural and economic interaction implied by the agglomeration of people in cities offers diverse benefits for human and economic development it also poses numerous challenges. Social fragmentation, spatial segregation and the widespread growth of informal settlements, or slums, reflect the persistence of social and economic inequality in the context of the expansion of cities. The rapid demographic shifts and resulting urban sprawl, coupled with the environmental stresses caused by cities, hinder the adequate provision of public services and effective urban governance. The recent flow of immigrants from poor and unstable

countries to the cities of developed nations present new obstacles to economic, social and cultural participation in the Global North. All of these trends challenge governments and society as a whole to find new ways to foster human development and social inclusion for all.

Latin America, as the most unequal and urbanized region of the world, with the largest concentration of megacities, is a particularly relevant place to host the conference. Issues such as residential segregation, urban inequality, social marginalization and exclusion, violence, addictions, environmental degradation, among others, have acquired particular relevance in the region and their origins are rooted not only in the urbanization process but also complex historical, political and cultural factors. The continent also has produced relevant innovations in the design of social safety nets (for example, conditional cash transfers) and policies to foster urban integration.

The 2018 Conference theme proposes to analyse these urban issues through the lens of the capability approach and human development framework and in light of global experiences. It will examine how the approach can provide innovative tools and criteria to assess quality of life and how its conditions are distributed in the context of cities. The conference will also examine how the capability approach can contribute to critically thinking on how to design adequate policies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, especially goal 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. It can also frame the discussion on how to address the Urban Agenda set out by UN-Habitat III: 1) ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions by ensuring equal rights and opportunities, socio-economic and cultural diversity, integration in the urban space; 2) achieving sustainable and inclusive urban economies by promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all and 3) promoting environmental sustainability, by promoting clean energy, sustainable use of land and resources in urban development.

Conference Aims and Topics

The HDCA conference aims to bring together people from all over the world and from different disciplines and fields interested in the capability approach and human development. Papers on the 2018 conference theme ‘Human Development and Social Inclusion in an Urbanizing World’ may explore, amongst others, the following topics:

- Processes of urban integration and social inclusion
- Territorial equity and justice
- Human security and human rights
- Informal settlements (slums)
- Regional development asymmetries and migration to cities
- Mobility within cities
- Children and youth
- Health inequalities, disability and aging
- Education: opportunities and challenges in cities
- Urban identities: religious, cultural
- Urban governance, participation and empowerment
- Transparency, accountability and global governance
- The environment and sustainable development

In addition to papers on the conference theme, papers on all core HDCA themes are welcome, including but not limited to:

- Philosophical and ethical foundations and implications of the capability approach
- Methodological issues in operationalizing the capability approach
- Capability measurement and empirical analysis
- Human rights and development
- Policy analysis and evaluation related to capabilities and agency

Keynote speakers and plenary panels

- Ravi Kanbur (Cornell University)
- Santiago Levy (vice-president of the Interamerican Development Bank)
- Avner De-Shalit (Hebrew University)
- Ingrid Robeyns (Utrecht University)
- Amartya Sen (Harvard University, tbc)
- Plenary panel on Power, Inequality and Justice: A Latin American perspective
- Plenary panel on Urbanization/slum upgrading experiences

Information on additional keynote speakers will be provided on the conference website as it becomes available.

Programme Committee

Beatriz Balian de Tagtachian (Conference Chair)
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 Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti (University of Pavia)
 Graciela Tonon (Universidad Nacional de Lomas de Zamora and Universidad de Palermo)

Conference Structure

The main conference will be preceded by a Summer School for doctoral students and by pre-conference workshops for which proposals can be submitted to the conference organizers via one of the HDCA Thematic group coordinators (see <https://hd-ca.org/thematic-groups>).

In addition to keynote lectures and other plenaries, the conference will accommodate **six** types of session.

- **Full academic paper sessions**, for which single papers can be submitted. They will be presented in a session with 2 or 3 other papers (25 minutes per paper including discussion/questions). Please send an abstract of 500-1000 words, with a list of 3-5 keywords.
- **Thematic panel sessions** are submitted as a whole under a single theme that is related to this year's conference theme or to the theme of one or more of the HDCA's thematic

groups. Panel proposals are welcome from the thematic group coordinators as well as from people unaffiliated with the thematic groups. The thematic panels should have a maximum of three papers. Each panel must have a coordinator who submits a panel abstract of up to 1000 words with 3-5 keywords. In addition, an abstract of 500-1000 words, with a list of 3-5 keywords, should accompany each of the component papers of the proposed panel. The coordinator will act as the contact person for the panel session and the other panel presenters. Note that the standards for evaluating panels will be the same as for the full academic papers. If not all of the papers in the proposed panel session are evaluated favourably, then the approved papers will be regarded as individual papers and may be allocated to other sessions.

- **Author meets critics sessions** in which an author presents a summary of a recent book or large piece of research. Each author should send a 500-word synopsis of his or her book/ research project with 3-5 keywords and include the names of one or two confirmed discussants.
- **Roundtables** are intended to engage policymakers or governmental stakeholders or to organize discussions with practitioners about practical approaches to dealing with the problems that are the focus of the conference. Please send a 500-1000 word abstract and a list of 3-5 keywords. Also include a list of the roundtable participants, affiliations and whether or not his/her participation has been confirmed.
- **Poster presentation sessions** for which dedicated time slots will be available in the program, so that authors can clarify their poster to the circulating audience. Posters could present a research project, some field-work done, a case study, or an early-stage research proposal. Please send an abstract of 300-600 words, with a list of 3-5 keywords.
- **Young scholar meets senior scholar sessions** in which graduate students will present their research plan or work in progress (proposals should be 500-1000 words, with 3-5 keywords). Senior scholars, including HDCA Fellows, will provide feedback and chair the discussion.

Please also note the following:

1. Since we expect a large number of submissions for the conference in Buenos Aires, **each person is allowed to be involved in a maximum of two paper proposals** and these must be for different types of sessions (e.g. full paper and thematic panel).
2. The **same proposal may not be submitted more than once** to different kinds of sessions, for example, full paper, poster and young scholar.
3. You will be required to identify the broad theme for your proposal to enable us to allocate it to reviewers (for example, education or health).
4. For panel proposals, if a presenter withdraws then the panel organisers may not substitute a non-reviewed paper.

The **main criteria for evaluating the various kinds of submissions** will be: novelty/originality; clarity and structure; significance/impact/relevance to/engagement with the capability approach and/or human development; methodology and methods; and, fit with the conference theme.

While the papers may come from any discipline and may be theoretical, applied, or policy-based, **every paper must engage with, apply, extend, criticize, or offer insights specifically relevant to the capability approach and/or the human development paradigm.**

Kuklys Prize for best paper from a graduate student

At the conference, the HDCA will award the annual *Wiebke Kuklys Prize* for the best paper presented by a graduate student. All graduate students who would not have been awarded their degree before 1st of September 2018 and are presenting a paper at the 2018 HDCA conference **under their sole authorship** are eligible to be considered for this prize. If you wish your paper to be considered for the prize, this must be indicated on the submission form.

Please note: if you are competing for this prize, **the full paper must be submitted by 15th of July 2018**. The winner of the 2018 Wiebke Kuklys Prize will be awarded a cash amount with the aim of contributing to the student's graduate work, by allowing her/him to buy equipment or books, or to attend a conference. The name of the winner will be announced at the closing plenary session of the conference, which the author must attend.

HDCA Summer School

The HDCA will be holding a two-day summer school for graduate students working with the capability approach on 27rd and 28th August 2018 prior to the annual conference. Senior HDCA academics will present the basics as well as cutting edge topics of the capability approach. There will also be opportunities to get group feedback on research projects. Further details will follow in due course.

HDCA Journal

We encourage papers presented at the conference to be submitted for publication in the *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*. This HDCA-owned journal is a peer reviewed multi-disciplinary journal for people-centred development. See the journal webpage for more information on the journal and on how to submit your paper: <https://hd-ca.org/publication-and-resources/journal-of-human-development-and-capabilities>.

Conference Registration, Fees & Scholarships

On-line conference registration will open around April 2018. Students and scholars from low- and mid-income countries will pay a significantly reduced registration fee, as the following schedule indicates:

- Professional, high-income country, early (\$380)
- Professional, high-income country, standard (\$430)
- Professional, low- or mid-income country, early (\$190)
- Professional, low- or mid-income country, standard (\$240)
- Student, high-income country, early (\$190)
- Student, high-income country, standard (\$240)
- Student, low- or mid-income country, early (\$90)
- Student, low- or mid-income country, standard (\$130)

Please note that the registration fee provides a year's membership in the HDCA, which includes a

year's subscription to the *Journal of Human Development & Capabilities*.

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to young scholars (35 or younger). The demand for scholarships usually far exceeds the available funds and therefore we encourage only those who really need financial support to apply. DETAILS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE IN DUE COURSE on the conference website: <https://hd-ca.org/conferences/2018-hdca-conference-buenos-aires-argentina#anchor1>

How to Submit Your Proposal

Please submit your proposed poster, paper, or panel, via the submission site **after 7 February 2018** (<http://www.conftool.pro/hdca2018/>) using the appropriate form.

If you encounter problems with the online submissions system, please email the conference organizers at: hdca2018uca@gmail.com.

In order to ensure academic quality, all submissions will be reviewed by two reviewers, at least one of whom is an HDCA Fellow or a senior researcher in the field.

Important deadlines

February 15, 2018 - Submission of proposals

April 15, 2018 - Announcement of acceptance/rejection

June 15, 2018 - Deadline for conference registration at early-bird rates

July 15, 2018 - Submission of full papers/posters

August 15, 2018 - Final deadline for conference registration at standard rates