



# AESOP PHD WORKSHOP 2025 - ISTANBUL, JULY 2-5

PLANNING FOR EQUITABLE AND JUST FUTURES: EXPLORING TRANSFORMATIVE APPROACHES

PhD Workshop Istanbul

Annual Congress Istanbul

## WORKSHOP THEME

### PLANNING FOR EQUITABLE AND JUST FUTURES: EXPLORING TRANSFORMATIVE APPROACHES

The 2025 AESOP PhD Workshop in Istanbul will be closely aligned with the theme of the AESOP Annual Congress, "Planning as Transformative Action in an Age of Planetary Crises." This workshop aims to serve as a platform for critical dialogue centered on the multifaceted planetary crises we face, while exploring innovative frameworks for restructuring socio-economic relations that effectively align environmental priorities with social justice objectives in spatial planning.

The workshop will engage with a range of pressing challenges exacerbated by extreme climatic events, disasters, pandemics, geopolitical conflicts, as well as systemic issues such as poverty, unemployment, homelessness, urban displacement, and food insecurity. These are critical global issues that require interdisciplinary approaches and collaborative strategies, particularly as they increasingly affect diverse communities across varying geopolitical landscapes.

Hence, the AESOP PhD Workshop will specifically address the theme **"Planning for Equitable and Just Futures: Exploring Transformative Approaches."** This theme seeks to scrutinize planning approaches that prioritize equity and justice in response to the ongoing planetary crises. Topics of inquiry will encompass spatial justice, just transitions, de-growth paradigms, planning and design beyond traditional economic growth metrics, co-creation initiatives, urban commons strategies, collaborative planning principles, and integrative policy development.

This workshop presents PhD candidates with a distinctive opportunity to present their research, engage in critical discussions with experts in the field, and reflect on transformative planning methodologies that can foster a more equitable and just urban future. Participants are encouraged to contextualize their ongoing research within this thematic framework, considering the environmental, social, spatial, and institutional dimensions of critical concepts. Through this integration, doctoral candidates will enhance their comprehension of the complexities and possibilities inherent in planning for equitable and just futures.

The aim of the workshop is to allow PhD students to share their research ideas, findings, and concerns in a relaxed atmosphere with mentors, senior academic tutors, and fellow researchers. It is designed to create a mutually beneficial learning environment where participants can exchange feedback on their research questions, goals, and methodological approaches.

The program will feature a combination of small-group study modules, plenary sessions, and discussions on methodological issues and maintaining a work-life balance during the PhD journey. Additionally, it will include one-on-one meetings with research mentors and social events. The workshop is designed for PhD students at both early and more advanced stages of their doctoral research.

## KEY DATES

31 December 2025

**Open call for Applications**

31 January 2025

**Deadline for Applications**

10 March 2025

**Application notification**

10 March 2025

**Early Bird Registration Open**

25 April 2025

**Early Bird Registration Deadline**

Extended Deadline

July 2th - 5th 2024

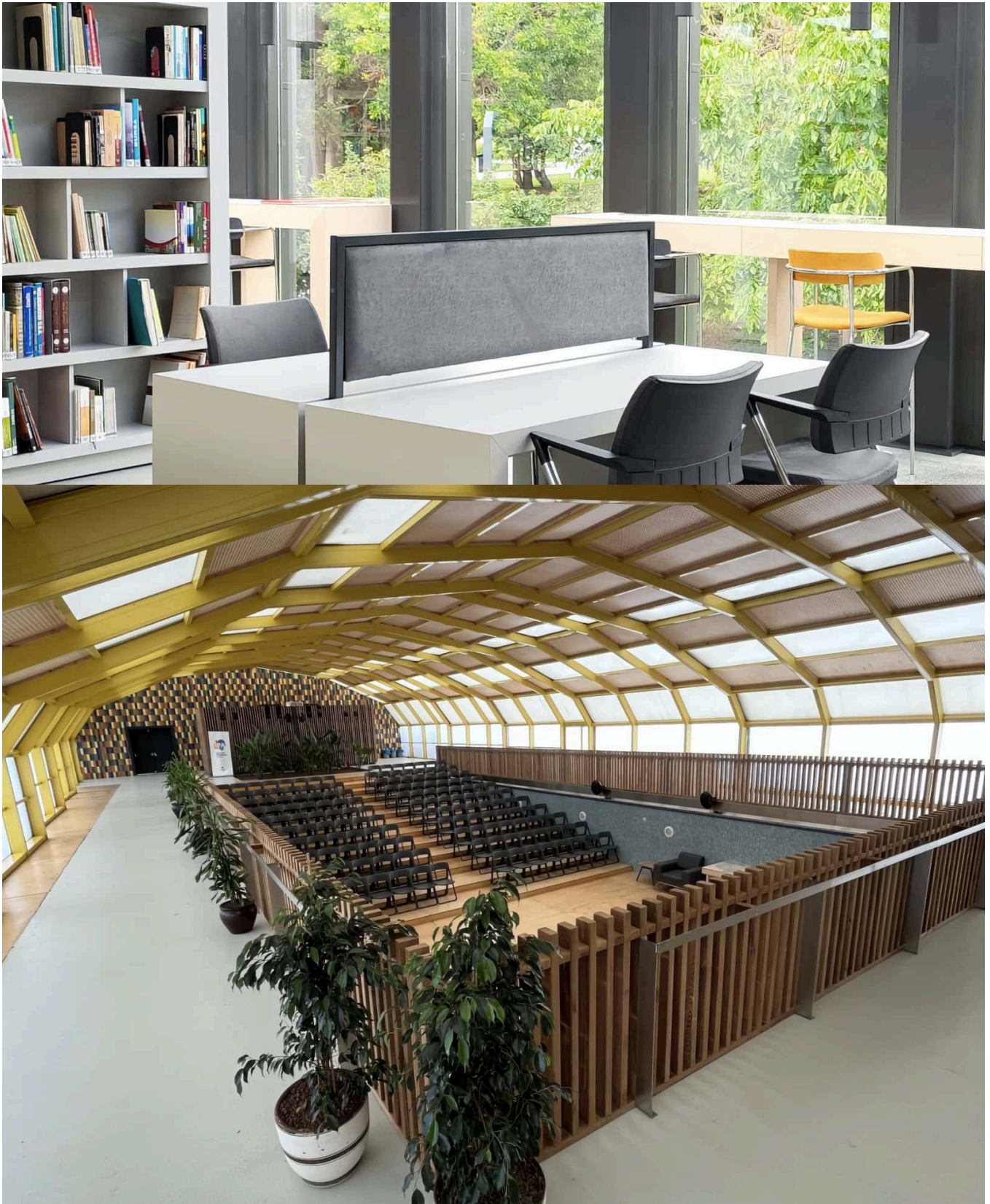
**PhD Workshop Istanbul**

July 7th - 11th 2024

**AESOP Congress Istanbul**

## VENUES PHD WORKSHOP





## **AESOP PHD WORKSHOP - PROGRAM**

**WED 2-7**

13:00 - 14:00

## Arrivals and registration

14:00 - 15:30

## Opening and Keynote Conference

15:30-17:00

## Collective Activity

17:00 - 18:00

## Opening Cocktail Reception

18:00 - 19:30

## Tour

19:30

## Dinner

# THU 3-7

08:00 - 09:00

## Breakfast

09.00 - 10:30

## Keynote Conference

10:30 - 11:00

## Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 - 13:00

## Parallel Individual/Group Meetings with Mentors

13.00 - 14:00

## Lunch

14.00-18.00

## Parallel Individual/Group Meetings with Mentors

19.00

**Dinner**

## FRI 4-7

08:00 - 09:00

**Breakfast**

09:00 - 10:30

**Keynote conference**

10:30 - 11:00

**Coffee/Tea Break**

11:00 - 13:00

**Parallel Working Groups Session with Mentors**

13:00 - 14:00

**Lunch**

14:00 - 18:00

**Parallel Working Groups Session with Mentors**

## SAT 5-7

08:00 - 09:00

**Breakfast**

09:00 - 12:00

**Final Plenary Session / Group Presentations**

12.00

**Departures**

# PHD WORKSHOP MENTORS

## The mentors that will supervise you



Newcastle University

### **Ali Madanipour**

Professor of urban design at the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, Newcastle University, UK.



TU Delft

### **Roberto Rocco**

Associate Professor of Spatial Planning and Strategy at TU Delft's Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment.



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## **Zorica Nedović-Budić**

Professor Emerita of the University of Illinois @ Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) and Visiting Professor at University College Dublin (UCD)



University of Groningen

## **Christian Lamker**

Assistant Professor Sustainable Transformation & Regional Planning at the University of Groningen, Netherlands



Middle East Technical University

## **Duygu Cihanger Ribeiro**

Assistant Professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning, Faculty of Architecture, Middle East Technical University (METU)



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## **Melis Oğuz Çevik**

Associate Professor at the Gebze Technical University, Department of Urban and Regional Planning



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**Deniz Ay**

Senior Researcher & Lecturer, Institute of Geography & Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies



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**Cenk Hamamcioğlu**

Associate Professor, Urban and Regional Planning



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Research Assistant PhD, Urban and Regional Planning, Co-mentor

## PHD LOC

The Local Organising Committee for the PhD Workshop



Yildiz Technical University

**Cenk Hamamcıoğlu**

Associate Professor, Urban and Regional Planning, Co-Chair PhD Workshop



Yildiz Technical University

## Çiğdem İbişoğlu

Research Assistant PhD, Urban and Regional Planning Co-Chair PhD Workshop



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## Rüya Erkan Öcek

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## **Oktay Kargöl**

Urban Planner, General Manager



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Architect

## **AESOP**

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