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Cities are complex systems of elaborated spatial and social relations. The challenges of the contemporary urban transformation have surpassed its economic aspect and emerge as a social, environmental, spatial and identity crisis with sometimes devastating effect on the social fabric of local communities and cities. In this dazzling blend of financial crisis, challenged concepts of urbanity, dysfunctional policies and citizenship in crisis we can go through the social and economic contradictions and failures of the cities by innovating the urban policies and practices, aiming to enable a more inclusive, effective and socially responsible approach. In order to understand the potential for joint effort for construction of better cities this Conference aims to promote an informative debate about concepts, approaches and tools that are coherent with the complex nature of the cities and societies, but comprehensible and simple enough to be useful for institutions and citizens that are affected by the processes that are shaping cities. The questions that could be addressed and topics are: Where and how we could identify and analyze the issues of social inclusion/exclusion in a transformation troubled cities and what we can learn from good and bad practices of social inclusion and/or exclusion? Is there a new complexity of the relationship between cities and society, uncertainties, and questions to be addressed? What are the new approaches, tools and practices that will enhance democratization of urban development through better inclusiveness? To what extent could urban disciplines can be engaged with urban progress in terms of theory, practice and education in an era with new social networks, new political policies, new digital tools and new forms of art and culture? How cities can encourage urban inclusion at a time of intense social and cultural transformations, especially through design and urban planning and to what extent are urban plans able to facilitate communication between citizens and institutions, society and the form of the cities?

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