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**The Laboratory for Quality Assessment
in Architecture and the Built
Environment (LEQuArEB)**



in collaboration with
The Faculty of Earth Sciences and
Architecture

is organizing on **December 14 and 15,**
The first international symposium
entitled:

**THE QUALITY OF URBAN
PUBLIC SPACE.**

**Towards Holistic Approaches
and Benchmarks for
Operational Urban Planning**

ABSTRACT

Algeria has succeeded in building hundreds of thousands of homes in various forms, infrastructure, and new cities, but open urban spaces remain problematic, often residual or poorly designed. The lack of a tradition of quality for these spaces is the result of a priority given to rapid construction, neglecting qualitative urban planning. This approach has created dehumanized and exclusive environments. Although some recent initiatives have attempted to recreate suitable public spaces, they often lack conceptual control and remain limited by budgetary constraints. Urban quality requires a holistic approach, integrating aesthetics, functionality, and sustainability to meet the needs of users. For example, Kevin Lynch and Matthew Carmona have established benchmarks to guide urban planners in the design of user-friendly spaces. In response to these challenges, the LEQUArEB laboratory is organizing a seminar to analyze the latest research on urban quality and propose applicable recommendations for improving urban public spaces.

SYMPOSIUM TOPICS

AXIS 1: Urban quality in urban public spaces in the face of disciplinary compartmentalization: towards holistic approaches;

AXIS 2: Quality of use in urban public spaces: studies and feedback;

AXIS 3: Urban quality in urban public spaces: attributes and benchmarks, interpretations and adaptations for the Algerian context;

AXIS 4: Urban quality in urban public spaces and project management

DECEMBER 14 AND 15, 2025

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- the title of the paper (centered, in bold, capital letters),
- the abstract and keywords.
- the surname(s) and first name(s) of the author(s) (centered in bold, font size 12),
- the authors' affiliations (centered in 10 italics)

The proposal should also include the email address and telephone number of the authors.

Each proposal must be limited to one page and should include details about the study's scope, the methods of analysis employed, and a list of keywords. The final text will be limited to a maximum of 15 pages (including tables and illustrations).

Only proposals that meet the above criteria will be considered.

All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

Languages used: Arabic, French, or English.

Proposals must be sent by email to the following address:

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IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for receipt of proposals: October 13, 2025

- Notification of acceptance of proposals to authors: October 27, 2025

- Deadline for receipt of final papers: November 20, 2025

- Notification of acceptance of final papers: November 25, 2025

- Conference dates: December 14 and 15, 2025

LIEU DU DÉROULEMENT DU COLLOQUE

Larbi Ben Mhidi University, Oum El Bouaghi, main auditorium

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- Lecturers and researchers: 6,000.00 DA.

- Professionals: 6,000.00 DA.

- Students: 4,000.00 DA.

--Foreign participants: 50 euros

Accommodation and transportation are the responsibility of the participants.

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