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1st National Conference: Urban Risks in Algeria Challenges, Vulnerabilities and Resilience Perspectives

April 7 & 8, 2026

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SUMMARY AND THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

The national symposium '*Urban risks in Algeria: challenges, vulnerabilities and prospects for resilience*' examines the growing vulnerability of Algerian urban areas faced with natural, technological and social hazards. Urban risk is conceptualised as resulting from the interaction between hazards and exposed issues, exacerbated by population density and infrastructure concentration, which induce systemic effects. Analysis of major disasters in Algeria – the Bab El-Oued floods in 2001, the Boumerdès earthquake in 2003 and the Skikda explosion in 2004 – highlights that these disasters are the result of structural weaknesses and a lack of risk awareness, rather than mere fatality. This symposium aims to go beyond simply mapping hazards to examine the fundamental factors of urban vulnerability: historical developments, land-use planning decisions and socio-spatial disparities. The objective is to design local resilience strategies that are integrated into a coherent territorial governance system adapted to the realities of Algeria.

Axis 1: Identification and characterisation of hazards

- Major natural hazards: Seismic activity, floods, landslides, etc.
- Climate risks: Impact on infrastructure and health
- Technological and industrial risks

Axis 2: Factors contributing to urban vulnerability

- Physical and structural: buildings and infrastructure
- Socio-economic: Risk perception by populations.
- Spatial vulnerability: urban sprawl and risks.

Axis 3: Planning, governance and urban resilience

- Integration of risk into urban planning documents
- Strategies for reducing vulnerability
- Risk governance (Towards a resilient city)
- Research and development of new technologies
- Applications of early warning systems, big data and artificial intelligence in disaster management.

Axis 4: Societal and economic risk management

- Study of the psychosocial impacts of disasters.
- Analysis of individual and collective behaviour in the face of risk.
- Role of the media in raising awareness and preventing risks.
- Study of the economic costs of major risks.

Axis 5: Environmental risk management and ecology

- Environmental impact assessment
- Studies on the interactions between climate change and increased natural hazards.

Axis 6: the legal and institutional dimension of risk

- National and international legislative frameworks for major risk management.
- Public policy and risk governance at different levels (local, national, global).
- Insurance culture and major risk management: role of insurance, responsibilities and regulations.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Authors are invited to submit their abstracts in Word format, using Times New Roman font, size 12, single spacing.
- Proposals for papers must include the following information:
- The author(s)' full contact details (surname, first name, affiliated institution, email address and telephone number);
- The title of the paper (in capital letters, bold, italics, size 14), specifying the type of presentation (oral or poster) and the theme;
- An abstract of 150 to 300 words maximum;
- Three to five keywords.

Proposals for papers should be submitted via the following link:

 <https://forms.gle/NdJRimHNQKovkdS78>



IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for receipt of abstracts: 15/02/2026
- Preliminary acceptance notification: 25/02/2026
- Receipt of full texts: 07/03/2026
- Final acceptance notification: 14/03/2026
- Conference dates: 07 & 08/04/2026

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Participation fee: (to be paid on site)

- Lecturers and researchers: 4,000 DA
- Students: 2,000 DA.
- Professionals: 6,000 DA.

Accommodation and transport are the responsibility of the participants.

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