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Agenda

9 September 2026

09:00 Coffee and informal introductions

- Distribution of materials

09:30 Institutional Opening at the CITEEC - Social Psychology Lab for Transitions towards Sustainability. - Welcome and Overview

- *Welcome remarks by the Director of CITEEC*, **Prof. Fernando Martínez Abella** (10').
- *Welcome words by the Vice-Rector of Research of the UDC*, **Prof. Jerónimo Puertas Agudo** (10').
- *Welcome words by the Director of the School of Architecture*, **Prof. Miguel Abelleira Doldán.** (10')
- *Introductory message from the Chinese academic delegation,* **Prof. He Hui & Prof. Xu Leiqing.** (10').
- *An introduction to the Meeting:* Aims and *main research lines of the People-Envinronment Research Group. An overview*., **Prof. Cristina García-Fontán,** Professor of Architecture and Urban Planning, and Coordinator of the People-Environment Research Group, University of A Coruña, Spain (10').

10:00 Current Challenges and Opportunities for a Joint Research Agenda in the Social Sciences between Galicia, the EU and China

- *Overview of current EU-China academic collaboration in the social sciences*. **Marina Martínez,** CDTI Brussels.(15')
- *The strategic role of environmental psychology in understanding human behaviour in changing environments: The TiBeRIUM project.* **Ricardo García Mira**, Professor of Social Psychology at the University of A Coruña; **Fernando Bruna**, Associate Professor of Economy at the Faculty of Economy – University of A Coruña; **Cristina Garcia Fontán**, Associate Professor of Architecture – University of A Coruña. (15').
- *Healthy City Planning and Design: Planning Guidance of Intergenerational Shared Community Public Spaces*, **Prof. He Hui**, Professor of Urban Planning at the Huazhong University of Science and Technology, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Wuhan, China. (30').
- *Q&A*

11:00 Coffee-Break

11:30 Keynote lecture: Professor Leiqing Xu, Tongji University, Shanghai, China

- *Environment Design and Theory Research in the Perspective of Public Health,* **Prof. Leiqing Xu,** Professor of Architecture and Urban Planning at Tongji University, College of Architecture, Shanghai, China (40').
- *Q&A*

12:15 Emotions, Memories and Narratives

- *Affective Responses to Urban Spaces: A Computational Approach* – **Prof. Xia Zhang**, Professor at the School of Urban Design, Wuhan University, China (20').
- *Place-Based Environmental Memories – Health, Human Rights and Psycho-social-cultural Impacts of Clean Energy on Communities Displaced by Hydroelectric Dams in Brazil* – **MSc Fernanda Blanco Vidal** – Pre-doctoral researcher at The Graduate Center of City University of New York (CUNY) (15')
- *Climate Narratives, Consumption Reduction and Perceived Agency* - **Dña. Carolina Farias,** Pre-doctoral student. Program of Social and Behavioral Sciences UDC. (15').
- *Q&A*

13:15 Place, Culture, and Emergencies

- *Making and Unmaking Place: Symbolic Construction, Sense of Place and its Cultural Erosion* **– Prof. Yolanda Pérez Sánchez**, Professor of the School of Architecture of the UDC –. (15')
- *Research and knowledge transfer in emergency architecture and development cooperation. Projects in Mozambique and Senegal.* **Prof. Patricia Muñiz** *Professor of School of Architecture University of A Coruña, Spain* (15').
- *Q&A*

13.45 Wrap up by Prof. **Cristina García Fontán** & **Ricardo García Mira** (10')

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09.30 Neuroscience & Healing Environments, Water Conservation and New European Bauhaus

- *Healing Environments and Neuro-architecture.* **Dr Dancheng Meng**, Dr in Engineering, Post-doctoral researcher at the Laboratory of Neuro-Architecture, Tongji University, Shanghai, China (30').
- *Predicting Water Conservation Behavior in Communities Around Mountains: Testing the Theory of Planned Behavior.* **Prof. Fredy S. Monge Rodríguez**, Investigador Distinguido "Beatriz Galindo" – University of A Coruña, Spain (15').

- *New European Bauhaus and Health Project* – **Dr Beatriz Piñeiro.** Government of Galicia – Department of Health, Santiago de Compostela, Spain (15').
- Q & A

10:30 Coffee-Break

11:00 Restorative environments, therapeutic landscape

- *The Camino de Santiago as a Wellbeing Infrastructure: An Environmental Psychology Perspective on the Restorative Potential of Culturally Significant Natural Environments.* **Prof. Mar Durán.** Professor of Social and Environmental Psychology, Coordinator of the ULTRAMAR Research Group, and IDEGA researcher. University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain (15').
- *The Camino de Santiago as Therapeutic Landscape: Socio-territorial Notes from PILGRIM-APHY-TOUR Project.* **Prof. Lucrezia Lopez***,* Professor of Geography, director of the CETUR, and IDEGA researcher. University of Santiago de Compostela. Spain (15').
- *Q & A*

11:30 Landscape, architecture for cooperation and health

- *Integrating Climate Risk into Cultural Landscape Policy: Lessons from the Revision of Spain's National Cultural Landscape Plan and Historic Gardens* **– Cristina García Fontán,** Professor of Architecture and Urban Planning, and Coordinator of the People-Environment Research Group, University of A Coruña, Spain (15').
- *Role of sustainable design strategies in encouraging long-term use of garments.* **MSc Aryasree Kuttiattoor Veetil** , Pre-doctoral researcher at the CITEEC – University of A Coruña, Spain, (15')**.**
- *Health policy priorities in mitigating impacts of Climate Change: The TRIGGER project.* **Dr *Nachatter Singh*** Post-doc researcher at the People-Environment Research Group at the UDC**–** (15')
- *Q & A*

12:30 Galicia: Safety and Sustainability

- *Safety, Risk, and Sustainability in Galicia.* **Roberto Lage Regal**. Expert in Safety, Director of PRAXIS, Research Collaborator of the People-Environment Research Group, UDC. (15').
- *Galicia as a climate shelter: psychosocial implications of the commodification of nature in the tourism industry.* **Uxía Varela**. Pre-doctoral student. Program of Social and Behavioural Sciences UDC. (15').
- *2026 Sustainability Atlas.* **Prof. Jesús Gabriel Vázquez,** Associate Professor of Sociology of Education. University of A Coruña (15').

- *Inclusive cities: Law aspects of participation in the elaboration of a city for all.* Prof. **Manuela Santos,** Assciate Professor at the Faculty of Humanities – University of A Coruña.
- *Q&A*

13:30 Wrap up

14:00 Lunch

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10:00 to 13:00 Group work on "Integrating social sciences and neuroscience into architectural and urban research"

Objective: define concrete proposals for cooperation.

- Group A: Environmental psychology and climate adaptation
- Group B: Architecture, urban planning and territorial studies
- Group C: Neuroscience applied to social sciences and spatial design

Each group will produce:

- 3–5 priority research areas
- Proposals for joint projects (workshops, exchanges, comparative studies)
- Infrastructure needs and possible EU–China funding sources

13:00 to 13:30 Plenary Reporting Session

- Presentation of the working groups' conclusions followed by open discussion.

13:30 Closing session. **Ricardo García Mira** & **Cristina García Fontán –** IAPS Sustainability Network Conveners.

- Summary of key results
- Identification of priority pilot projects
- Proposal to establish a permanent joint coordination group
- Visit to the CITEEC, Social Psychology Lab for Transitions towards Sustainability

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