

# COVID 19 Pandemic and Our Settlements

Call for Articles

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INTBAU IRAN

As you know, the global outbreak of the coronavirus has challenged the efficiency of political, economic, social and cultural systems of societies and posed a threat to international relations.

As with many organizations, our plans for celebrating the year 2020 have vanished under the outbreak and because of the strict isolation strategy imposed by the government. These strategies at the same time evoked that as humans we are incredibly resilient and that we have the drive to create spaces to safeguard our nation.

Perspectives towards outdoor and indoor spaces have shifted, as have how we move between the public and private spheres to overcome the spread of C-19. Though we assume all this to be temporary and short term, it has helped us to revisit the previously unquestionable practices and realities of our built environment.

Due to the fact that our notion of home, work place, accessibility, green and open space, traditional neighborhoods and precincts have changed, we must act positively. Our awareness of our immediate surroundings has increased on a global scale and now people are more informed and feel the empathy with other nations. We can also envision our cities (Modern or Traditional) in a better way.

Considering the importance of the issue and the serious and voluntary involvement of Iran's urban management in dealing with the corona virus within the framework of the Islamic Council of Iran's decision as The Islamic Council of Iran state: "All Municipalities must take necessary and immediate measures to increase the resilience of the Iranian cities", INTBAU Iran is calling the scholars, students, professionals, and individuals to participate in advancing the knowledge of the world to deal with the pandemics in future.

The aim of this program is to find responses to these questions:

[What factors contribute to the making of a resilient city?](#)

[How can a global health crisis help cities and communities to adapt to new circumstances?](#)

[How should we re-build sites of conflict and what factors contribute to an honest urban re-planning?](#)

Conceptual contributions could explore ideas of wellness, escapism, environment, and connection to our immediate surroundings, in the built and natural form. These ideas can be presented through:

1- Articles (3-5 pages, combinations of text and images)

2- Poster presentations (1-3 pages, images and text, graphics, tables, charts)

Works will give us an opportunity for us to explore new ideas and test new concepts for the post-lockdown world.

The final dates for ABSTRACT submissions is June 21, 2020.

The final dates for FULL ARTICLE/POSTER submissions is July 8, 2020.

All submissions are voluntary, and all the selected articles and posters will be acknowledged on INTBAU Iran webpage.

A certificate of participatory will be awarded to individuals after the proceedings are published.