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**Past Present and Future of Public Space**  
**Knowledge sharing toward implementation**  
**of the New Urban Agenda**  
in the context of  
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*Abstract*

Public space is a key element for sustainable urban development. Despite its broad and context-specific meaning, we all agree on the fact that public space is a common good, meant to be open, inclusive and democratic, a fundamental human right for everybody.

The symposium and workshop in Venice are the opportunity to present and discuss research activities, programmes and initiatives focused on public space, cities and urbanity promoted by several leading Universities worldwide. Through the exploration of different approaches, research outcomes and site-specific interventions, scholars and students will seek answers to questions about how public space in cities is nowadays lived, used, appropriated or neglected, abused and misunderstood, in relation to different geographical contexts, through presentations, lectures and roundtable discussions.

The symposium has a specific focus on global challenges addressed by the New Urban Agenda adopted in Quito at the Habitat III conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (2016) and the way researchers, policy makers and global institutions are implementing its contents, with particular reference to public space issues.

The symposium is curated by Luisa Bravo, President of City Space Architecture.

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Lodz University of Technology, Poland / Manchester School of Architecture, United Kingdom  
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