

Attention: This document is an updated version as of April 24, 2025, of the notice originally published on March 26, 2025. It contains changes to dates and text additions (highlighted in yellow) that aim to clarify questions submitted by interested parties and extend the deadline for registration and other stages.

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EXTREMOS

Architectures for an
Overheated Planet

Call for Thematic Sessions Debate Forum + SP Meeting

In this edition, the scientific module of the BIAsp Debate Forum will be held in conjunction with the São Paulo Meeting, an international conference that has been promoting transdisciplinary discussions on the urgent challenges of urban adaptation for the past ten years. An event that has become one of the most important platforms for the exchange of ideas between architecture, urbanism, landscaping, and climate sciences, the SP Meeting has been bringing together, since its first edition, Brazilian, German, American, and more recently, Indian, South African, British, and Dutch researchers.

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DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE 14TH BIASP

In order to broaden the international participation, the curators of the 14th BIASp have decided to extend the deadline for the **Call for Thematic Sessions of the Debate Forum + SP Meeting** to May 15th.

After reviewing the submissions received so far, we have noticed some recurring errors. Therefore, we would like to draw the attention of those interested in participating to the following:

The call for thematic sessions for the SP Meeting takes place before the call for papers. Once the thematic sessions are selected, the stage of selecting oral presentations for each thematic session begins.

The thematic sessions should have a maximum duration of 90 minutes each. As for oral presentations, individual lecture or conference proposals will not be accepted.

Therefore, the call is structured in two stages: the first for thematic sessions and the second for oral presentations:

1 – Submission of thematic session proposals for the meeting, according to the axes defined in the call for papers. The proposal must contain:

- a) Personal information of the proposer and team members (when applicable);
- b) Proposal details (title, format, among others);
- c) Proposal abstract of up to 2000 characters;

2 – The thematic sessions selected by the Scientific Committee will be subject to a second call to select up to 5 presentations per session.

The oral presentation submissions must include:

- a) Personal information of the presenter and team members (when applicable);
- b) Proposal details (title, format, among others);
- c) Extended proposal abstract of up to 5000 characters;

All presentations will be conducted in person, with participants responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

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The Debate Forum - SP Meeting of the 14th BIAsp will take place over four days and will include conferences and sessions for the presentation of academic papers, in partnership between IABsp, organizer of the Biennale, INCT Klimapolis Brazil (CNPq), and the Postgraduate Program in Architecture and Urbanism at Mackenzie, organizers of the SP Meeting. The Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) supports the event.

The discussion will be organized through thematic sessions, and the Scientific Committee will select, in the first phase, the submitted proposals. In the second phase, the proponents of the approved sessions will select, in turn, up to five papers from the submissions, thus composing the final program.

In 2025, the São Paulo International Architecture Biennale returns to Ibirapuera Park, its historic headquarters, after a decade of decentralized editions, with the aim of bringing together academic, cultural, technological, and social efforts to tackle the challenges posed by climate change.

The curatorial concept of this edition is based on the understanding that we are living in times of extreme climate events, requiring architecture to provide radical and innovative solutions. The point of no return challenges us to rethink how to inhabit the planet, seeking answers both in the scientific vanguard and in the knowledge from the margins: urban peripheries, villages, and quilombos (communities of escaped enslaved people). The Biennale will be a space for the convergence of knowledge, presenting concrete answers to global warming and to the adaptation to the extreme events we are already facing.

Inspired by the IPCC reports, especially AR6, the curators of the 14th BIAsp have defined five thematic axis that will guide the discussions, projects, and proposals of the event.

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I. Preserving Forests and Reforesting Cities suggest the radical incorporation of biodiversity to reverse global warming by capturing atmospheric carbon and creating microclimates that mitigate heat waves.

II. Embracing Water will encompass experiences in water body renaturalization and Nature Based Solutions to stabilize slopes, recover riverbanks, and restore riparian vegetation, working toward a balanced hydrological cycle.

III. Refurbishing More and Building Green will address the adaptive reuse of obsolete buildings and the adoption of low-carbon sustainable construction systems to tackle the challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with the construction and use of buildings.

IV. Moving and Reaching Places Together with Renewable Energies will explore the possibilities of urban planning and mobility networks to reduce the need for individual travel and promote active transportation, also considering the energy transition in public transport.

V. Ensuring Climate Justice and Social Housing will focus on the disproportionate vulnerability of poorer populations (often racialized and with a strong presence of women and children) to extreme climate events. These communities, which have historically contributed the least to global warming, often inhabit high-risk areas: precarious housing settlements frequently located on floodplains and slopes. Due to its significance, this axis will cut across all others.

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SCHEDULE

March 26, 2025, to May 15, 2025 (new date)
Submission of Thematic Session proposals

May 30, 2025 (new date)
Publication of approved Thematic Sessions

May 30, 2025, to July 1, 2025 (new date)
Call for papers for Thematic Sessions – submission of extended abstracts, up to 5,000 characters

July 31, 2025
Publication of approved papers in Thematic Sessions

September 25, 2025, to September 28, 2025
Debate Forum + SP Meeting

Submit your Thematic Session proposal [here](#)

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