

I.	
14:00	<p>PAOLA VIGANÒ Habitat Research Center, EPFL Introduction: HABITAT, a future-oriented and transdisciplinary design and research platform</p>
14:10	<p>NICOLA CANTOREGGI Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva Salutogenesis of cities</p>
14:30	<p>EMANUELE MASSARO Human Environment Relations in Urban Systems (HERUS), EPFL Modelling mosquito borne-diseases in urban environments</p>
14:50	<p>YVES DELACRÉTAZ School of Management and Engineering Vaud Le piéton au coeur de la mobilité urbaine: quel aménagement?</p>
15:10	<p>STÉPHANE JOOST Geographic Information Systems Laboratory, EPFL Use of medical cohort data to assess quality of life in urban environments</p>
15:30	<p>OLA SÖDERSTRÖM Institute of Geography, University of Neuchâtel Urban living and psychosis : from 'co-laborative' research to living lab</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
II.	
Keynote Speech	
16:00	<p>CARLOS DORA World Health Organisation, Geneva Health research and practice in the construction of healthy urban futures</p>
16:45	<p>Discussion Panel "Walking Saves Lives" Research perspectives and new synergies</p>

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**7 Nov 2018
2–5:30PM
EPFL, Foyer SG
(SG 294.22)**

**Healthy Habitats
Initiative**

**The Future of Urban
Health, visions
and perspectives**

Habitat Research Center is a new transdisciplinary platform at EPFL, aiming at exploring urban phenomena and producing visions, strategies and projects to address emerging questions related to the ongoing urbanisation of the world. The launch of the Healthy Habitats Initiative coincides with the launch of the activities of the center on the topic of health and well-being in cities. Healthy Habitats is one of the center's four Interdisciplinary Research Clusters aiming at federating specific EPFL research excellences related to the urban phenomena (the others are Digital Habitats, Landscape Habitats, Productive Habitats).

The preservation and pursuit of “quality of life” in cities represents a fundamental challenge for the future. Urban space will need to guarantee healthy, secure and comfortable places to live/work, where clean air and water, access to fertile soils and healthy food, social/territorial connectedness, accessible public transportation systems, and the use of sustainable and safe building materials are secured. Today, the relation between urban form and health stands open to investigation. Developing visionary and innovative solutions requires an understanding of various socio-spatial, economic and environmental determinants of well-being in cities, and calls for an integrated, interdisciplinary research agenda.

The Habitat Research Center is launching its activities on this theme by bringing together researchers in Switzerland working on various aspects of health in urban contexts with the ambition of fostering collaboration, exploring future perspectives, and creating new research synergies. On 7 November 2018, following the presentations in the first part, a panel discussion in the second part of the afternoon will invite the researchers to exchange their views about the validity and potential of an ambitious interdisciplinary research on the theme of *walking*, as a fundamental component of a healthy city.

