



CHANGING CITIES



**CHANGINGCITIES VI: Spatial, Design, Landscape,
Heritage and Socio-Economic Dimensions**

**MAIN THEME: Artificial intelligence enhancing
Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development in
smart cities.**

15 - 19 June 2026 Spetses Island, Greece

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Registration Fees

The fees give access to the following conference activities:

- 1) The whole scientific program.
- 2) A bag with conference material: e-book of Abstracts and e-book of Proceedings, with separate ISBN numbers and indexed by ISI.
- 3) Conference lunches.
- 4) Welcome Reception with live music, traditional dances, drinks and snacks, following the Opening Ceremony and keynote speeches on Monday evening 15th of June 2026

Registration until 3rd of April 2026

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| Full registration | 450€ |
| Two days registration | 350€ |
| Students* | 250€ |
| Distant online presentation | 220€ |

Abstract submission is NOW OPEN. The submitted abstracts will be reviewed and the authors will be notified in advance about the outcome of the evaluation. PAPER SUBMISSION IS OPTIONAL.

Abstracts will be published in the e-book of Abstracts and full papers will be published in the e-book of Conference Proceedings, with separate ISBN numbers. Details for abstracts and full paper preparation and submission are provided to the authors on the conference website.

Location and Conference venue

Spetses is a very popular car-free island close to Athens; The town of Spetses is characterized by a scenic old harbour surrounded by heritage Venetian buildings, 18th and 19th century-neoclassical mansions, and picturesque beaches.

The **conference venue** is at the Anargyrios and Korgialenios School of Spetses (AKSS); It was founded in 1926 as a boarding school for male students modelled off Eaton College by Sotirios Anargyros, an entrepreneur and national benefactor; It has been attracting students from prestigious and wealthy Greek families since late 20th century; It now functions as conference centre. The AKSS building complex has well-equipped conference rooms, and it is located on the waterfront periphery of the town of Spetses.



Conference venue, AKSS



Spetses Island

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7th International Conference on Changing cities:

Spatial, Design, landscape, Heritage & Socioeconomic dimensions

Main Theme: Artificial intelligence enhancing Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development in smart cities.

Conference Synopsis & Objectives

The series of international conferences on CHANGINGCITIES started in 2013 and so far has delivered 6 international conferences, always in venues with unique characteristic natural landscape and cultural heritage, like the Greek Islands.

- **CHANGING CITIES I: Spatial, Morphological, formal and socioeconomic dimensions, 18-21 June 2013, Skiathos Island, Greece.**
- **CHANGING CITIES II: Spatial, Design, Landscape and socioeconomic dimensions, 22-26 June 2015, Porto Heli, Peloponnese, Greece.**
- **CHANGING CITIES III: Spatial, Design, Landscape and socioeconomic dimensions, 26-30 June 2017, Syros Island, Greece.**
- **CHANGING CITIES IV: Spatial, Design, Landscape and socioeconomic dimensions, 23-28 June 2019, Chania, Crete Island, Greece.**
- **CHANGING CITIES V: Spatial, Design, Landscape, Heritage and socioeconomic dimensions, 20-25 June 2022, Corfu Island, Greece.**
- **CHANGING CITIES VI: Spatial, Design, Landscape, Heritage and socioeconomic dimensions, 24-28 June 2024, Rothes Island, Greece.**
- **CHANGING CITIES VII: Spatial, Design, Landscape, Heritage and socioeconomic Dimensions, 15-19 June 2024. Spetses Island, Greece**

Five conferences have been welcomed by the academic community of planners and architects worldwide, attracting about 300 papers and over 300 presenters from more than 50 countries - from the Balkans, Northwest Europe, USA, Canada, Latin America (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico), Middle East and North Africa, Asia, Far East (China and Japan) and Oceania (Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea). On this basis, we believe the 7th Changing Cities conference will also be a successful academic event. This year, the conference puts an emphasis on Cities and Artificial Intelligence encouraging urban development.

The conference aspires to bring together urban planners and designers, spatial planners, architects, landscape designers, urban geographers, urban economists, urban sociologists and urban policy makers and to all together investigate new challenges concerning cities and their future.

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The Conference's Main Theme

Artificial intelligence enhancing Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development in smart cities.

The conference is organised by UNIVERSITY OF THESSALY, Lab of Urban Morphology and Design, Department of Planning & Regional Development, Volos, Greece, in collaboration with University of the Patras, Department of Architecture, Greece. The conference aims at becoming an international forum of transaction of ideas on changing cities. This year, the conference puts an emphasis on Cities and Artificial Intelligence encouraging urban development.

As always, other conference thematic axis focus on:

- Resilient Cities,
- Smart Cities,
- Environmental Urban Planning,
- Green Architecture; Urban Design & New Technologies,
- Climate Change, Circular Economy and Sustainable Development,
- Urban Design in Planning,
- Sustainable Urban Planning & Development,
- Urban Redevelopment, Regeneration & Resilience,
- Urban Cultures & Public Open Spaces,
- Built Heritage Management & Historical Centres,
- Cultural Heritage Management,
- Urban Landscapes, Landscape Planning & Design,
- Transportation Planning and Policy in Cities,
- Place Marketing & City Branding,
- Urban Economies & Spatial Impacts,
- Planning Laws & Real Estate,
- Multicultural cities,
- Shrinking Cities,
- Divided Cities
- AI cultural heritage
- AI and smart tourism destinations.

Keynote Speakers



Prof. Elisabeth Belpaire
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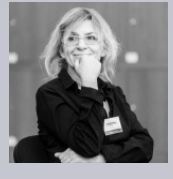
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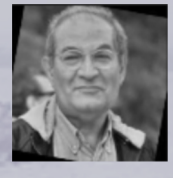
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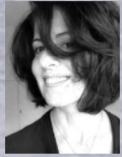
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Special Sessions

Em. Prof. Achille Maria Ippolito

Title: *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Landscape Design in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*

Prof. Dimitra Diana Babalis

Title: *Futuring for smart and climate-urban environments*

Prof. Marichela Sepe

Title: *Smart, adaptive and flexible public spaces for cultural and urban regeneration*

Dr. Iris Gertner-Moryossef

Title: *Distinguishing Between Cognitive and Emotional Pathways in the Adoption of Chatbots for Academic Feedback*

Dr. Marco Ingrassia

Title: *Just urban space in the socio-ecological transition*

Prof. Konstantinidou Elena & Em. Prof. Moraitis Konstantinos

Title: *POLITICAL MEMORY AND THE FORM OF PLACES (Artificial Intelligence, Cultural Heritage, and Smart Cities)*

Prof. Dr. Roido Mitoula

Title: *Sustainable Cities and Regions*

Prof. Maro Sinou

Title: *From Smart Cities to Regenerative Intelligent Ecosystems*

Prof. Dimitra Nikolaou

Title: *Topioplasmies: Sustainable, Resilient, and Cultural Urban Waterscapes*

Prof. Tsilimigkas Georgios

Title: *Assessing, Analyzing, And Evaluating Land Use Patterns in Mediterranean Cities*

Prof. Argiro Dimoudi & Assoc. Prof. Julia Nerartzia Tzortzi

Title: *Design for resilient open urban areas: Exploiting nature and intelligence technology*

Assoc. Prof. Dimelli Despina

Title: *Housing Policies in Europe: Territorial Challenges, Governance Responses, and Pathways for Changing Cities*

Assis. Prof. Konaxis Ioannis

Title: *Fragile Landscapes and Intense Tourism: Rethinking Cultural and Environmental Sustainability*

Special Sessions

Assist. Prof. Zavraka Despoina

Title: *Mortality as Project*

Assis. Prof. Panita Karamanea

Title: *Landscape_urbanism Intelligences: Cultivating Balance for Ecological and Sustainable Futures*

Prof. Alcestis Rodi & Prof. Vassiliki Petridou

Title: *Intelligent Landscapes: From Doxiadis to Spatial Ecologies*

One-day tour

One-day cruise
Hydra Island

17th June 2026



Mobile Culture Workshop

Pre-historic Greek cities of
Mycenae and Tiryns

19th June 2026

