

YA Conference 2026 Prague

Wednesday 18 March 2026 - Saturday 21 March 2026

Czech Technical University in Prague & Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

Scientific Programme

TRACK 1 PROXIMITY AND PERMEABILITY REVISITED

This track will explore how the physical structuring of urban and non-urban environments influences accessibility and functionality. Focusing on proximity and permeability, it examines how spatial relationships, distances, and connectivity shape mobility, land use and infrastructure. Contributions are invited that consider both positive and negative consequences of spatial organization, including how the arrangement of spaces facilitates or restricts movement for people, goods, or services. The track will also investigate how these spatial qualities influence social interaction and structure, economic vitality, and environmental sustainability, and how spatial forms can either support or hinder broader urban and rural development trends.

TRACK 2 FLOWS AND CONNECTIONS REVISITED

This track will examine the various tangible and intangible flows that shape urban and rural environments. Physical flows such as transportation systems, the movement of people, goods, and resources, will be considered alongside intangible flows, including the exchange of information, ideas, data, and migration. Contributions are invited that explore the interaction between these flows and their influence on spatial organization, infrastructure, and social dynamics. How do these flows contribute to or hinder connectivity, resilience, and adaptability in cities and landscapes? The track will also investigate how these flows impact economic networks, social integration, and innovation, considering both the positive roles they can play and the challenges they introduce.

TRACK 3 GOVERNANCE AND TOOLS REVISITED

This track will explore the intersection of governance and urban planning in shaping inclusive and adaptive environments. It will address how new, innovative tools, data-driven solutions, and emerging trends are transforming the management of space, mobility, and services, while also confronting the broader governance challenges such as policymaking, community participation, and institutional frameworks. Contributions are invited that reflect on both the opportunities and challenges posed by the application of governance practices, and how these innovations influence social and economic accessibility. This track will also invite discussions on the governance strategies necessary to address complex, dynamic challenges, exploring the potential benefits and risks of data-driven decision-making, and how technology can either support or disrupt public engagement and the democratic processes that are central to inclusive governance.

TRACK 4 INCLUSION AND DYNAMICS REVISITED

This track will focus on how urban and rural spaces can remain inclusive and adaptable in the face of ongoing social, economic, and environmental changes. It will delve into the ways that access to housing, public services, and employment can be maintained or improved, even as technological, policy, and climate transformations take place. Contributions are encouraged that examine the changing dynamics of spatial, infrastructural, and social systems, and how they influence both the inclusivity of spaces and the risks of exclusion, particularly for marginalized or vulnerable groups. The track will encourage dialogue on how cities and settlements can balance stability and innovation, and how these transformations can lead to either equitable outcomes or, conversely, exacerbate existing inequalities.

