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THE 2019 THEME IS

**Global Challenges and
Local Governments:
Toward Transformative
Policy and Practice.**

Congratulations! You are a part of the first ICLD Local Democracy Academy

During the course of the week we will bring together an international group of leading scholars, researchers, local policy makers and government officials. Together, we will enhance mutual learning, critical thinking and jointly explore new ideas and approaches to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The academy is organised around interactive and participatory sessions. As a participant, you are expected to contribute, read, write and actively engage. All sessions will have a gender, sustainability and human rights perspective.

THE ACADEMY IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS:

- Training sessions:
 - Participatory video for research and engagement, by Crystal Tremblay, Assistant Professor and Special Advisor on Community Engaged Scholarship, Department of Geography, University of Victoria.
 - Transdisciplinary co-production, by Meritt Polk, Professor, Head of Department, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg and Henrietta Palmer, Artistic Professor, Architecture and Civil Engineering, Urban Design and Planning, Chalmers University of Technology.
 - Writing policy research applications, by Jesse Ribot, Professor, School of International Service, American University in Washington.
 - SDG synergies approach, by Nina Weitz, Research Fellow within the Governance and Institutions Unit at Stockholm Environment Institute.
- Writing workshops: for junior and senior scholars to discuss ongoing research and research projects in small groups with the possibility to receive and provide feedback.
- Local Policy Labs: interactive sessions that simulate a dialogue between researchers, practitioners and policy makers to discuss concrete problems of local governments. They provide an opportunity to address cases in relation to the enhancement of democracy with the possibility to identify policy recommendations and potential research topics.
- Thematic streams: for in-depth discussions on cross-cutting issues.

Thematic streams



Social accountability and alternative forms of participation in local democracy, session A
Session leader Anders Lidström, Professor, Department of Political Science, Umeå University



Social accountability and alternative forms of participation in local democracy, session B
Session leader Rebeca Abers, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Brasília



From climate crises to climate action: roles for local governments
Session leader Jesse Ribot, Professor, School of International Service, American University in Washington



Global Migration: Rebel cities and communities in search of inclusion
Session leader Benjamin Gonzalez O'Brien, Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University



Children and youth influence in local decision making
Session leader Soo Ah Kwon, Associate Professor of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois



Urban creativity and inclusive cities
Session leader Liza Rose Cirolia, Researcher, Centre for African Cities



Local governments in post-conflict countries: conflicts and possibilities
Session leader James Manor, Emeritus Professor of Commonwealth Studies, School of advanced study, University of London