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CALL FOR PAPERS STUDIO #27

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Rural Urbanity and New Morphologies of Sustainable Living

The ecological and social transition of contemporary cities calls for a profound rethinking of settlement models. In line with the objectives of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, this call for papers invites theoretical, design-oriented, and experimental contributions focused on reimagining the future city as “rural urbanity”: a hybrid settlement system capable of integrating density, proximity, and environmental quality into new forms of territorial cohesion.

The aim is to investigate urban morphologies based on “micro-neighborhood realities”, small-scale open spaces, and spatial devices capable of strengthening social relationships, with particular attention to the role of social housing as a community-generating infrastructure.

Contributions should address the three dimensions of sustainable development:

inclusive and resilient economic growth;
social inclusion and widespread accessibility;
environmental protection and regeneration.

Particular emphasis will be given to design and strategic explorations related to the following themes:

food self-sufficiency and local (km0) markets;
smart and community-based management of urban resources;
energy efficiency and local energy communities;
cohousing and collaborative living models;
rainwater harvesting and recycling systems;
sustainable electric mobility (bikes and car sharing);
zero-waste systems and community composting;
integration of photovoltaic and geothermal energy;
passive buildings and cross-laminated timber (CLT/XLAM) construction systems;
urban permeability and inclusive public spaces;
social housing as a platform for shared services;

The call is addressed to architects, urban planners, researchers, and designers interested in exploring new forms of collective living that combine technological innovation, environmental sustainability, and social regeneration. The goal is to outline concrete scenarios for a future city no longer opposed to the rural condition, but in a dynamic balance with it.

Contributions may include historical analyses, theoretical investigations, case studies, experimental projects, or visionary scenarios that expand the understanding of architecture as a dynamic, adaptable, and regenerative practice.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We are accepting proposals for our forthcoming issue AGRICULTURAL.

Contributions may be submitted in different forms – essays, photographic projects, illustrations, data visualizations, case studies and projects, interviews, comic strips and even novels – exploring the issue in any field of design: architecture, urbanism, art, photography, graphic design, film... etc.

STAGE 01 (Abstract) - ~~September 05th 2026~~

- Contributors are asked to send a 200-words abstract about the proposal.
- The abstract must be written in English.
- Maximum size of the submission (images included): 2MB

STAGE 02 (Final Piece) - ~~October 16th 2026~~

- Selected contributors are asked to send the final piece, following the guidelines below:

Writing

- Essays, interviews and novels should not exceed 3.000 words maximum.
- All texts have to be submitted digitally in Microsoft Word (.doc).
- The piece must be written both in English and in the Original language.

Image/Graphic

- Photographic essays, illustrations, projects...etc. should be sent with a 500 words minimum description.
- All images have to be submitted full color (CMYK), in either JPEG or TIFF format (300 ppi, 36x25 cm)
- All drawings have to be submitted full color, in PDF format.
- For every image/graphic include *illustration source, name of photographer/artist and the authorization of copyright holder.*

Annex

- A short biography of the author/s (max. 50 words)

DEADLINES

All submissions via e-mail to: editorialboard@studiourbanism.com

STAGE 01: ~~September 05th 2026~~

STAGE 02: ~~October 16th 2026~~

PUBLICATION: **December 2026**

NEW DATES

STAGE 01: **October 04th 2026**

STAGE 02: **October 24th 2026**



Please follow the guidelines carefully. Without meeting these requirements, we cannot consider your proposal.