



## ISOCARP Urban Planning Advisory Teams Session

*Take a look behind the screens of the recent ISOCARP UPAT projects and UPAT PLAN Magazines – and discuss the contemporary role of public space in metropolis with our expert guest speakers during the UPAT Special Session at 55th World Planning Congress in Jakarta.*

In the recent UPAT project in Wuhan, China, a group of ISOCARP planning professionals from around the globe took part at the “New Hangzheng Avenue” Design Charrette together with their Wuhan Design and Planning Institute (WPDl) colleagues, as part of the 2018 Wuhan Placemaking Week. Wuhan Placemaking Week was organized in partnership with UN HABITAT Asia-Pacific, Wuhan Land Use and Spatial Planning Research Center (WLSP) Wuhan Design and Planning Institute (WPDl) and Project for Public Space (PPS), and marked the start of the Chinese Placemaking Network. The Hangzheng Avenue Charrette focused on using the Avenue’s heritage corridor as inspiration and binding element to redevelop the Hancou side of the Wuhan Yangtze River waterfront. The participants looked beyond the heritage and opened up new perspectives on climate-adaptive waterfront planning, new mobility schemes and innovative design ideas. Another recent UPAT project in Suzhou, China, (in collaboration with Jiangsu Institute of Urban Planning and Design -JUP) used the historical heritage values of Grand Canal to revive the waterfronts of the old inner city neighbourhoods.

The Session will open the floor for discussion among invited renowned international urban professionals dedicated to promoting public space values. Is the contemporary role and character of the urban public space to be primarily a space for mobility and commerce, or is it the mirror of civil society and culture? Can we call urban public spaces “the living rooms” of the city and who is holding the keys to these rooms? How is the importance of public space changing in the face of climate change adaptation?

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**Time and Place: Thursday 12th September 2019, ISOCARP 55th World Planning Congress venue Borobudur Hotel Jakarta**

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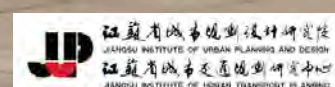


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