

## Candidate Statement

**Dear ISOCARP Members,**

I am honored to run for the position of Board Member in the upcoming election. I am committed to urban planning and design and would like to contribute my expertise and passion to the growth and success of ISOCARP. My academic and research career spanning more than two decades has provided me with a deep understanding of urbanism and its multidimensional challenges. Holding degrees from distinguished institutions such as the University of Tabriz, University of Tehran, and Newcastle University, UK, I have a comprehensive understanding of urban development, sustainability, and the intricate interplay between public and private spaces.

Throughout my teaching career, I have imparted knowledge to both undergraduate and postgraduate students, emphasizing the importance of sustainable urban development. This commitment to sustainability has been a driving force in my research projects, including the EU-funded study on the interaction of (im)mobile women with public spaces in different urban contexts of EU and Middle East. My efforts in this area have been internationally recognized and have contributed to the conceptualization of women's spatiality. I am motivated to invest my time and energy in volunteering with ISOCARP because I believe that collaborative efforts are key to advancing the practice of urban planning worldwide. I am particularly interested in promoting ISOCARP initiatives that address sustainable urban development and the empowerment of marginalized communities, especially women. My experiences as Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design at the University of Kurdistan and as Deputy-Dean for Research at the Faculty of Arts and Architecture have equipped me with organizational and administrative skills that will prove valuable in this role.

My vision for ISOCARP is to strengthen member engagement, facilitate knowledge exchange, and promote innovative solutions to urban challenges. As a board member, I will strive to create a more inclusive and dynamic platform that empowers planners and designers from diverse backgrounds to shape the future of our cities. I recognize the importance of addressing the unique challenges of our field, and I am committed to a multidisciplinary approach that incorporates new ideas and methods. Together, we can pave the way for urban environments that are not only functional, but also vibrant, sustainable, and socially inclusive.

I welcome the opportunity to contribute to ISOCARP's mission and am grateful for your consideration. Your support will enable me to bring my expertise and passion to this pivotal role, and I will serve you with dedication and enthusiasm. Thank you for your time and trust.

Yours sincerely,

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