

Provisional programme:

September 1st, 2025

- 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm Welcome by the organisers and Georgios Mitrakos, Director General of ICBSS.
- 2:15 pm to 3 pm Karsten Zimmermann (TU Dortmund): *International comparisons: Where do they find limits?*
- 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
- 4:15 pm to 4:30 pm Coffee break
- 4:30 pm 6:00 pm Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
- 7:00 pm Carmen Navarro (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid): *Developing local institutional capacity to allocate European funds to address global challenges*
- 8:30 pm Joint dinner at the invitation of the organisers

September 2nd, 2025

- 9:00 am to 9:45 am Björn Egner (TU Darmstadt): *How can quantitative and qualitative research methods be meaningfully combined? An example of selecting and explaining "above" and "underperforming" cases of local housing policy*
- 9:45 am to 11:15 am Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
- 11:15 am to 11:30 am Coffee break
- 11:30 am to 1 pm Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Lunch break
- 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm Nikos Hlepas (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): *How to explain why some cities are more innovative than others?*
- 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
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- 7:00 pm Reception by Georgios Mitrakos, Director General of ICBSS
- 8:00 pm Joint dinner at the invitation of the Director General of ICBSS

September 3rd, 2025

9:00 am to 9:45 am N.N.

9:45 am to 11:15 am Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions

11:15 am to 11:30 am Coffee break

11:30 am to 1 pm Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Lunch break

2:00 pm to 2:45 pm Hubert Heinelt (TU Darmstadt): *How to explain why Frankfurt, Munich and Stuttgart have chosen different ways of local climate policy?*

2:45 pm to 4:15 pm Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions

4:15 pm to 4:30 pm Coffee break

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions

September 4th, 2025

9:00 am to 9:45 am Filipe Teles (university of Aveiro/Portugal): *Depopulation impact on the governance capacity and democratic behaviour of local governments in Europe*

9:45 am to 11 am Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions

11 am to 11:30 am Coffee break

11:30 am to 12:15 pm Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions

12:15 am to 1 pm Karsten Zimmermann (TU Dortmund and editor of "Urban Research & Practice"): *How to write a scientific article and submit it successfully to a high-ranking international journal?*

1 pm Farewell address