

1st International Symposium “Infrastructures for Everyday Life, Social Well-being and New Metrics for Public Decision-making”

La Merced Campus, University of Murcia
11–12 and 13 June 2026

1. Presentation

The University of Murcia, within the framework of the international EuWIGeN network, <https://euwigen.com> comprising 11 European universities and led by the University, is organizing the 1st International Symposium “Infrastructures for Everyday Life, Social Well-being and New Metrics for Public Decision-making”, which will be held in Murcia from 11 to 13 June 2026.

This is a highly innovative international initiative that places the EuWIGeN Network in a leading position in an emerging field: the analysis of infrastructures as a driver of well-being, productivity, wealth generation and social sustainability, while also contributing to the field of economics through the creation of new indicators for measuring economic development.

At present, there is no systematic approach at the international level that connects infrastructures, well-being and economics from an integrated perspective in which social sustainability is at the centre of analysis and applied policy proposals.

Furthermore, the international academic community, institutions and international organizations such as the European Commission, the OECD, the World Bank and the UN are engaged in the search for new tools for measuring countries’ economic development that go beyond classical macroeconomic indicators.

PROGRAM

VENUE. Universidad de Murcia, Aulario general del Campus de la Merced, Murcia.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Reception of participants

20:00 h. Reception of participants at Murcia City Hall by regional and local authorities

20:30 h. Total Murcian Culture Festival II 'A Gallete'. Artillery Barracks, Murcia. Organized by El diariomurcia.es

Thursday, 11 June 2026, La Merced General Lecture Building (Room 0.1)¹

09:00h-09:30h. Participant registration

09:30h-10:30h. "Human rights in everyday life: a framework to support well-being"

Prof. Dr. Angela Rose O'Hagan, President of the Scottish Human Rights Commission, EuWIGeN

10:30h-11:45h. “Urban planning, daily life and care: state of the art”. (Online lecture)

¹ A simultaneous interpreting system has been provided by the Hon. City Council of Murcia.

Prof. Dr. Inés Sánchez de Madariaga, Visiting Scholar at the Leventhal Center for Advanced Urbanism, MIT, Fellow of the Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University

11:45h-12:00h. El Urbanismo Feminista, un marco conceptual para el análisis del cuidado en los territorios

Professor Emerita Ana Falú

Director of the Master's Programme in Housing and City, National University of Córdoba, Argentina. Director of CISCOSA Feminist Cities. Former Regional Director of UNIFEM (now UN Women).

12:00h-12:15h. Coffee break

12:15h-13:30h. Objective and Subjective Well-being. Metrics

“Gender skills gap in public space: implications for urban infrastructure”

Prof. Dr. Gulay Gunluk-Senesen, Istanbul University, Turkey, EuWIGeN

13:30h.-15:00h. Lunch at La Toga, Murcia.

15:00h-18:45h. Presentation of ongoing research by members of the project research team (20 min presentation/20 min discussion)

1. Acceso a las infraestructuras y bienestar subjetivo: explorando los efectos desde la perspectiva de género y el enfoque de las capacidades.
2. Importancia de las infraestructuras en la violencia de género. Factores explicativos
3. Urbanismo e infraestructuras y sus efectos en el bienestar subjetivo desde el punto de vista de género
4. Well-being and Gender in Europe: A comparative analysis

17:00h-17:15h. Break

5. Everyday Life Infrastructure and Women's Well-being Across the Life Course: Evidence from Access to Care, Health, Mobility and Leisure Services

Prof. Dr. Gloria Alarcón-García, UMU, Murcia, EuWIGeN

Prof. Dr. Edgardo Arturo Ayala Gaytán, UNL, Monterrey, Mexico, EuWIGeN

Prof. Dr. José Daniel Buendía Azorín, UMU, Murcia, EuWIGeN

Prof. Dr. Laura de Pablos Escolar, UCM, Madrid, EuWIGeN

Prof. Dr. M^a Carmen García Centeno, USP CEU, Madrid, EuWIGeN

Prof. Dr. Inocencia María Martínez León, UPCT, Cartagena

Prof. Dr. José Manuel Mayor Balsas, UMU, Murcia, EuWIGeN

Prof. Dr. María del Mar Sánchez de la Vega, UMU, Murcia, EuWIGeN

18:45h-19:30h. Paper presentations

- Rethinking Long-Term Care Systems, Gender Inequality, and Fiscal Sustainability in Albania and Macedonia
Marija Risteska, Center for Research and Policy Making - CRPM Skopje
- Elder Care System in Kazakhstan: Implications for Social Well-being and Labor Market Outcomes
Maigul Nugmanova, Gender Economics Research Center, Narxoz University
- Exploring the role of playgroups in the age of polycrisis: future proofing everyday support systems
Ruth Lightbody, Glasgow Caledonian University

19:30h. City walk through Murcia offered by the Hon. City Council of Murcia

21:00 h. Total Murcian Culture Festival II 'A Gallette' organized by El diariomurcia.es, Artillery Barracks, Murcia.

Friday, 12 June 2026, La Merced General Lecture Building (Room 0.1)²

Objective and Subjective Well-being. Metrics

09:30h-10:15h. “Promoting well-being through a gender vision on infrastructure”, (Online lecture)

Prof. Dr. Tindara Addabbo, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (Unimore) (Italy), EuWIGeN

10:30h-11:45h. “Bienestar social e individual: métricas y criterios para la toma de decisiones sobre transporte y políticas públicas”

Prof. Dr. Francisco Alcalá, IVIE and CEPR

11:45h-12:00h. Coffee break

12:00h-12:45h. Usos del tiempo e igualdad de Género. “Los tiempos del cuidado. Una mirada cualitativa”

Prof. Dr. Cristina García Sainz. Honorary Professor of Sociology, UAM, Madrid

12:45h-13:30h. Paper presentations

Movilidad de los cuidados, tarifas y uso del tiempo. Una aproximación al caso de Barcelona

Diego Peñarrubia, University of Murcia

- ‘Informal democracy’: Exploring the role of playgroups in the age of polycrisis
Ruth Lightbody, Glasgow Caledonian University

13:30h.-15:00h. Lunch at La Toga, Murcia.

15:00h-17:00h. Presentation of research by the project research team and paper presentations

1. The Territorial and Socioeconomic Dimensions of Transport-Related Time Use in Spain: A Multilevel Analysis

2. Rural Women, Inequalities and Public Transport in Southern Spain

3. Construction of an Index of Well-being and Infrastructure under a Gender Perspective

Prof. Dr. Gloria Alarcón-García, UMU, Murcia, EuWIGeN

Dr. Emanuella Christensen, Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, EuWIGeN

Prof. Dr. Laura López Gómez, UMU, Murcia, EuWIGeN

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Prof. Dr. José Manuel Mayor Balsas, UMU, Murcia

Prof. Dr. Angela Rose O'Hagan, Glasgow, EuWIGeN

Prof. Dr. Patricia Reus Martínez, UPCT, Cartagena, EuWIGeN

17:00h-17:15h. Break

17:15h-18:00h. Paper presentations

- Marking for Gender Equality: A Comparative Analysis of Gender Budgeting in Turkish Municipalities
Yelda Yucel, Istanbul Bilgi University
- Time Infrastructures for Local Welfare and Caring Cities: Presentation of a research project exploring temporal frictions in urban contexts
Angelina Kussy

18:00h-18:30h. Conclusions and future lines of work of the EuWIGeN network

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20:30h. Gala dinner at the Real Casino de Murcia

Saturday, 13 June 2026, La Merced General Lecture Building (Room 1.5)

9:30h-12:30h. Internal working session. Preparation and development of the HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-03 Project “Understanding inhabitants’ experiences of neighbourhoods to support their health and well-being”

12:30 Jane Jacobs walk through the city of Murcia, “Territorial Restructuring and Social Inequalities” Research Group (RETYDES), Department of Sociology, University of Murcia, and Murcia City Council

2. Registration

- Public fee: 65 euros
- Registration: <https://casiopea.um.es/cursospe/internacionalinfraestructurasi.f>

3. Call for papers

In order to further enrich this 1st Symposium, a session has been set up for paper presentations, which will be subject to acceptance by the Scientific Committee and must address the themes covered by the symposium.

To present papers, in addition to formalizing and paying the registration fee, the following form must be completed and the following dates should be taken into account:

- Form > [submit a paper](#)
- Deadline for receiving papers > 31 May 2026
- Notification date for acceptance of papers: 2 June 2026

Registration and attendance at the symposium do not imply the presentation of a paper, which is optional for registered participants and subject to acceptance.

4. Universities, associations and organizations endorsing the 1st Symposium

- Association of Men for Gender Equality (Madrid)
- State Feminist Policy Forum Association (Madrid)
- Lyceum Association, Science Region of Murcia (Murcia)
- Chair of Social Innovation, University of Murcia (Murcia)
- Federation of Women’s Organizations of Lorca (Murcia)
- Isadora Duncan Foundation (León)
- Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland (United Kingdom)
- Technological Institute of Monterrey, TEC, Monterrey (Mexico)
- Polytechnic Institute of Porto, Porto (Portugal)
- Autonomous University of Nuevo León, Monterrey (Mexico)
- Jaume I University of Castellón, Isonomia Foundation (Castellón)
- Miguel Hernández University of Elche, Centre for Gender Studies Research (Elche)
- Polytechnic University of Cartagena, Equality Unit Directorate (Cartagena)

5. Sponsoring organizations of the 1st Symposium

- Murcia City Council

- Regional Ministry of the Environment, Industry, Universities, Research and Mar Menor, CARM
- El diariomurcia.es
- Federation of Women's Organizations of Lorca (Murcia)
- Cajamurcia Foundation, (Murcia)
- Seneca Foundation
- Territorial Restructuring and Social Inequality Research Group, University of Murcia