**Template for proposing a panel or special session**

**Your name**

**Affiliation**

**Country**

**Contact details**

**Title of your proposed panel (this can be tentative now)**

**Provide an overview** (300-500 words)

Tell us why the panel or special session is important to have and how it contributes to the intellectual quality of the conference. Provide relevant information about the topic of the discussion, the theme of the conference that it is related to, the person(s) who will moderate the discussion, your proposed format of the session, number of panellists or speakers and their names if you already know. We expect you to have 4 to 5 panellists or speakers. If you don’t know their names, then let us know how much time you will need to confirm their name. Kindly note that all panellists, speakers and participants need to register in advance in accordance with the registration timeline as appears in the conference website <https://silk-cities.org/international_conference_2023_2024>.

It will be helpful to send us your CV as well. If your proposal is accepted, you will be later asked to write a short description of the panel or special session for the conference website, and you will be provided further operational details in due time. If you have any other ideas on the special session, do not hesitate to contact us on [info@silkcities.org](mailto:info@silkcities.org).

**Conference Theme**

* Cultural expressions of diverse communities
* Physical and digital dimensions of urban experience
* Urban economy, temporal activities and everyday life
* Intangible heritage and resilience to disasters and disruptions
* Urban governance, policies, instruments, and practices
* Social mobilisation, future memories, and right to the city
* Sustainable tourism, heritage, and local identity
* Partnerships, cooperations, and participatory practices