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CONVERSATION AT HABITAT I, II, III

Bringing people together to
understand habitat through
sustainable, human-centred design.

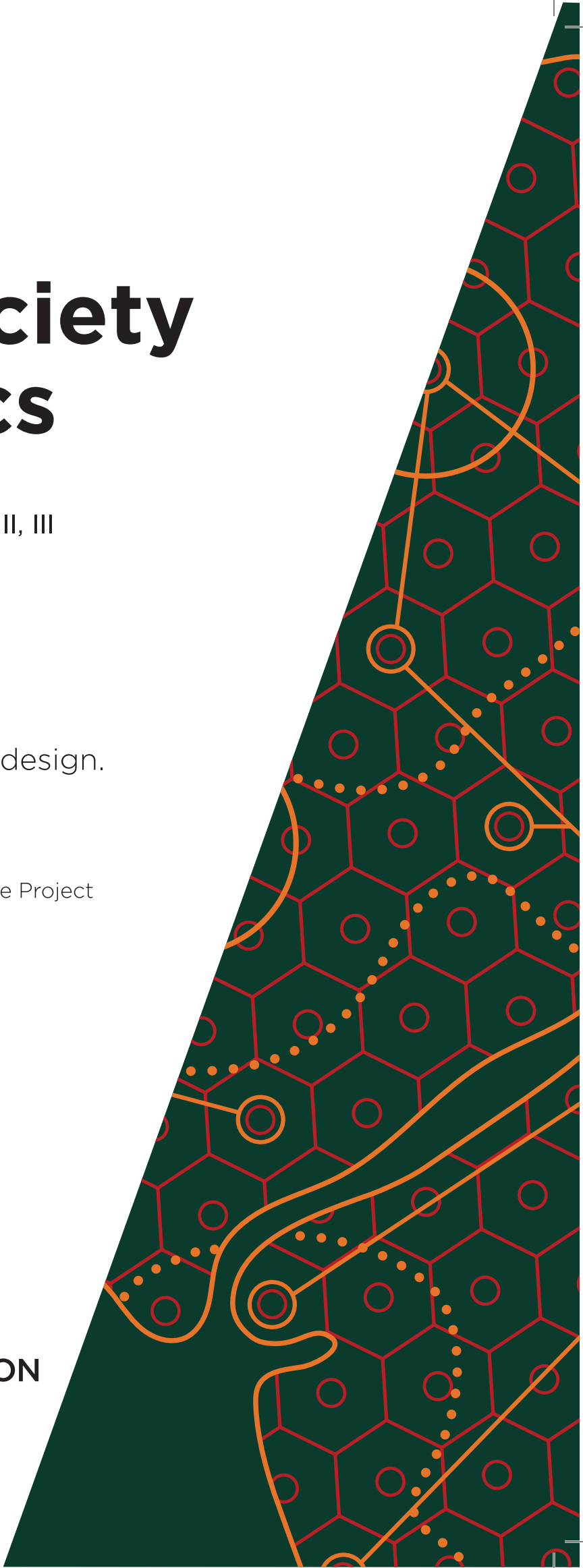
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The New Urban Agenda calls for “a radical paradigm shift in the way cities and human settlements are planned, developed, governed and managed.” In responding to this challenge, we promote Ekistics as a key framework for supporting the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Our aim is to connect the practice of Ekistics with sustainable development practice for all types of human settlement: urban, rural or remote; traditional or modern; formal or informal; in developed or lesser developed contexts. We also aim to extend the Ekistics framework in terms of how we now understand settlement sustainability, liveability and human well-being through the complex and adaptive dynamics at play.

Through the promotion of a complex systems approach to applying the Ekistics framework, we intend to build on Ekistics Theory’s global achievements in influencing urban policy and planning processes over the last 50 years and extend them into the short, medium and long-term futures for human settlements.

We launch an on-line Ekistics Journal supporting the Habitat III New Urban Agenda under the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It promotes an initiative on behalf of the World Society for Ekistics—Oceanic Group, hosted by the Centre for Design Innovation Research (CDI), Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia.

The e-journal will highlight the importance of the **human-centred** experience, our relationship to our natural and designed habitat, and the prospect of achieving **urban simplicity** in the amenity of the settlement. We invite conversations that address the relationship between the whole and a specific concern such as the settlement and social cohesion and equity, liveability, migration and refugees in urban areas, safer cities, spatial development, urban ecology, cities and climate change, food and the city, disaster risk management, urban housing and basic services, and housing and informal settlements.

It will be both research-oriented, double-blind peer reviewed, and practice-based, connecting deep knowledge in the topic area to the driving need for new patterns of sustainable development practice. We invite attendees to contribute to future editions.

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