

Thematic Session
Older Persons

A new legal urban paradigm to guarantee the
human rights of elderly in cities

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"A new legal urban paradigm to guarantee the human rights of elderly in cities".

We are living a moment of urban crisis paradigm with a dangerous menace for the elder people in cities:

The vision of a "compact, dense, vertical, safe, economically vibrant city" etc. as the characteristics of an efficient and "best" city to guarantee the elderly, people, human rights has collapsed because of COVID19. The rights of the elderly are not part of the pillars of urban planning and urban legislation.

The traditional vision of urban planning is based on property, value capture, real state, land development, massive transport, mobility, services, and infrastructure, not in human rights, and of course not in the rights of the elderly.

This paradigm has collapsed with the COVID 19 crisis originated by the menace of the right to health, security, and the right to life itself.

Precisely, the 95% of explosive virus spread in cities and metropolitan areas was facilitated because of the spatial configuration of our "compact, dense, vertical and dynamic" cities, and the elderly was not only a forgotten group but also a sector that was directly impacted by violating their human rights with the following combination: the urban planning with no vision of guaranteeing their rights and a mortal virus spreading in all public and private spaces.

So, we need to make some reflections about this in the session.