

## **Call for Abstracts for Special Session at #SOAC2019**

### **Cities, Climate Change and Social Justice**

Cities around the world (including Australasian cities) are implementing policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, considering the likely impacts of climate change, and developing adaptation responses. Depending on the context, public bodies (including city councils), private sector organisations, and community organisations are involved in many of these efforts. These policies, plans and actions often impact unevenly across businesses, communities and individuals. But what about social justice? Is equity being given a central (or indeed any) role in these considerations? Are these processes having regard to vulnerable individuals and vulnerable communities?

We are interested in receiving Abstracts from colleagues doing research that focuses on these issues for urban areas within Australia and New Zealand. We are also interested in Abstracts from international colleagues undertaking comparative research on climate change and cities in other parts of the world AND Australian and New Zealand cities.

Colleagues can submit either an abstract for the peer reviewed paper option (abstracts are due 8<sup>th</sup> March), or an extended abstract for the non-peer reviewed presentation option (abstracts are due 31 March). See <http://soac2019.com.au/call-for-abstracts/> for more details on the abstract submission options and process.

We welcome abstract submissions from academics (PhD students, ECRs etc), policymakers, and other researchers working on climate change and cities, with a particular focus on social justice.

If you are interested in taking part in this special session, then, please email your abstract in the first instance to Wendy Steele ([wendy.steele@rmit.edu.au](mailto:wendy.steele@rmit.edu.au)) and Tricia Austin ([pm.austin@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:pm.austin@auckland.ac.nz)) so we can check that the abstracts fits with the special session. Please feel free to email us if you have any questions about the special session.