

RSA 2026 Annual Conference

Special Session – Urban Manufacturing and Productive City

The RSA-funded UPSUM Research Network organized a special session titled “Urban Manufacturing and the Productive City” at the RSA 2026 Annual Conference, held in Gothenburg, Sweden, between 15–18 June 2026. Researchers from Türkiye, Slovenia, Italy, Germany, and China presented studies addressing urban manufacturing cases across different city scales, focusing on multiple dimensions ranging from governance to labour characteristics.

The session examined how urban production is being restructured across different urban scales and discussed these processes comparatively through governance, spatial organization, and labour dynamics. In this regard, it created a productive platform for academic exchange among diverse country experiences.



