

# **Systems Approaches for Urban Transitions**

URB-401, 4 ECTS, Fall 2025

## **ORAL EXAM**

In this document, we provide you with the details for your upcoming oral exams. The exams will take place on January 29, 2026, from 08:15 to 17:45 in room CM09.

### **Exam format and content**

The examination will be conducted by Prof. Claudia Binder and Prof. Beate Jessel. To ensure a fair and transparent evaluation procedure, Dr. Maria Anna Hecher and a PhD student will be present as observers. Each session lasts 20 minutes.

The exam consists of open-ended questions to be answered immediately, as there is no designated preparation time. This format is designed for you to demonstrate your reasoning and critical thinking through a direct dialogue with the examiners.

The discussion will focus on two key areas:

- **Theoretical knowledge:** Your understanding of the course material, including concepts and theories presented in the lectures.
- **Practical application:** Your ability to apply these concepts to urban contexts. This involves using examples from different cities as well as specific cases from your City Lab project to demonstrate that you have deeply engaged with the themes of the course.

### **Requirements and materials**

To ensure the day runs smoothly, please bring a valid ID and your EPFL Camipro card with you. No external materials (notes, books, etc.) are permitted. We will provide paper and pens in case you wish to illustrate a point or take notes during the discussion.

### **Schedule**

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your scheduled slot. The personal time slots are assigned as follows (see next page):

<b>Time slot</b>	<b>Sciper</b>
08:15 – 08:35	415976
08:35 – 08:55	342067
09:05 – 09:25	416961
09:25 – 09:45	326047
09:55 – 10:15	363964
10:15 – 10:35	416265
11:00 – 11:20	330131
11:20 – 11:40	359757
11:50 – 12:10	413557
12:10 – 12:30	329552
13:40 – 14:05	315809
14:05 – 14:30	341369
14:40 – 15:00	316564
15:00 – 15:20	326740
15:30 – 15:50	361100
15:50 – 16:10	330220
16:35 – 16:55	299733
16:55 – 17:15	356322
17:25 – 17:45	339869