A woman in a light-colored blazer and blue jeans is riding a black bicycle with a rear rack and a 'SPIRIT' logo. She is in a city street with many other bicycles parked and people walking. In the background, there are brick buildings, trees, and a yellow trash bin. The text 'Women-led Cities: The role of women in the urbanism movement and the Right to the City for everyone' is overlaid in large white font.

Women-led Cities: The role of women in the urbanism movement and the Right to the City for everyone

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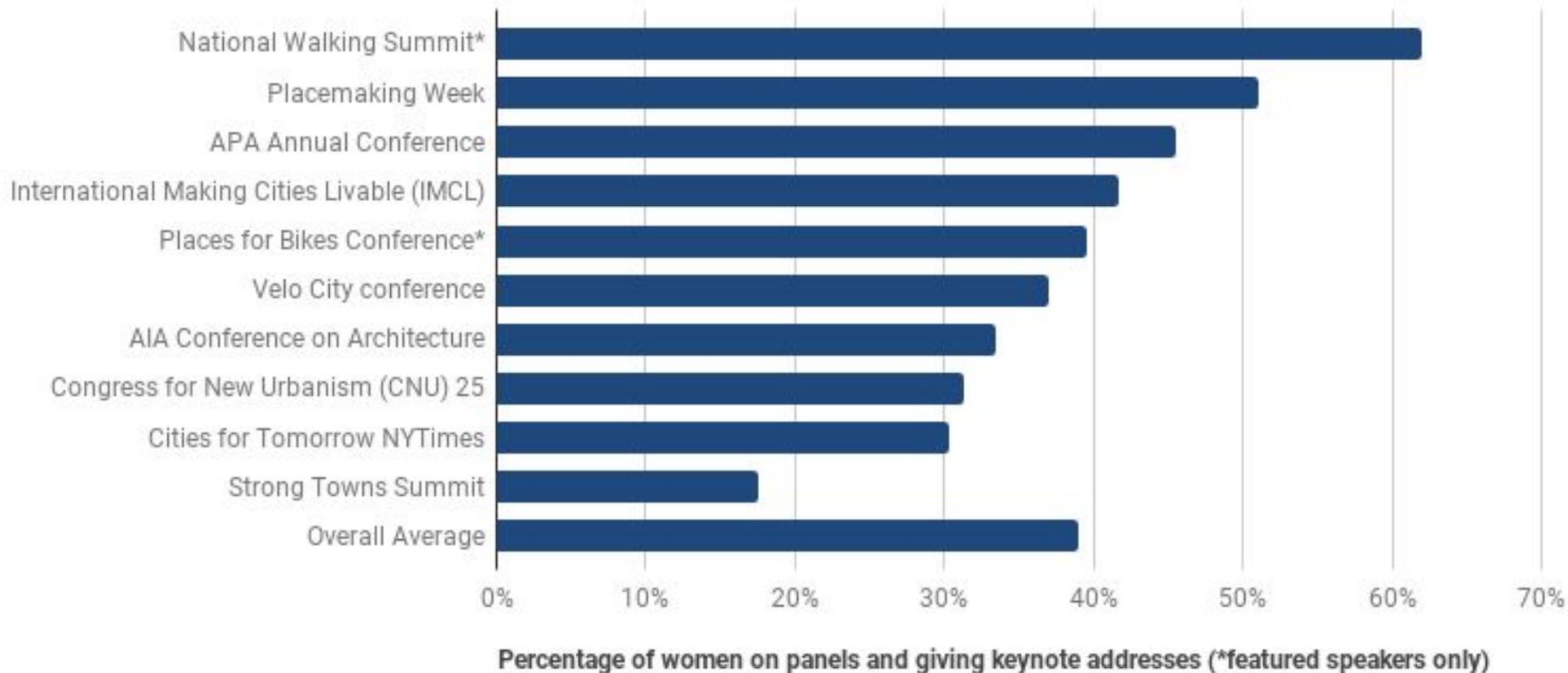


More than 50%
of the world's population
are women but they have
never had the opportunity
to lead the shaping and
management of our cities
in 10,000 years of urbanism

That means **all cities**
throughout our collective history
- everything out your window now -
was essentially imagined
and made real by
one half of our species.

How Many Women Are Speaking at Urbanist Conferences

From a selection of major conferences available online in 2017



36%

CONFERENCE PANELS/SPEAKERS

Of nine major urbanism conferences in the United States in 2017, only 36% of panelists and keynote speakers on average were women. Only one conference reached 51% and the lowest only had 17.6% women in these visible positions. The lack of representation means a lack of role-models for young women urbanists to aspire to.

19%

MAJOR WORKS OF LITERATURE

The city, up until now, has predominantly been shaped by men. Many popular urbanism concepts, companies, and bodies of work are also male-dominated, furthering the lack of representation of women - and by extent, the suppression of women's perspectives. In a preliminary study of prominent urbanism books and ideals, only 19% was women-led.



**// Gender equity
in public space**



// More than an
“indicator species”



// Car-free Cities

// If you plan for women and girls,
you plan for everyone





**// We cannot be
what we cannot see**



**// With greater diversity of input
You can only have a better output**



If particular care
is not paid to the
ladies, we are
determined to
foment a rebellion

resist

LET'S
Right for

// The future
(of cities) is female