Call for Abstracts

New Urbanization: Smart Growth and Sustainable Development

The 9th International Association for China Planning (IACP) Conference
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We are pleased to invite you to submit abstracts to the 9th IACP Conference.

Conference Theme

During the past three decades, China has made remarkable progress with respect to its urbanization. This has not been without its consequences, however, as China is also experiencing a series of urban problems, including low-density and inefficient suburban development, deepening regional imbalances, a Hukou and social welfare system, an aging population, wholesale environmental degradation, traffic congestion, inadequate natural and cultural heritage preservation, the loss of identity of existing communities, and so on. To address these imminent urban issues, on March 16, 2014 the Chinese government launched its first official urbanization plan, "National New-type Urbanization Plan (2014-2020)". The Plan sets numerical goals for China's long-term urbanization. It aims to increase China's urbanization rate to 60% by 2020. It emphasizes the leading role of major cities, while promoting the growth of small and medium-scale cities. It also highlights the dominance of high-density, mixed-use, and transit-oriented compact communities in future development patterns. The Plan aims to create a harmonious and pleasant urban environment with basic public services accessible by all permanent urbanites. It also calls for reforms to remove the barriers related to household registration, land management, social security, finance and taxation, institutional management, as well as ecologies and the environment. It is clear that urban planners and scholars face enormous challenges including implementation, financing, protection of the vulnerable groups, and social justice induced by the Plan. This conference aims to tackle these challenges and urban problems by applying the international lessons learned on the subject of Smart Growth. The discussion will contribute to the advancement of urban planning in China as well as the world.

The theme of the 9th IACP Conference is "New Urbanization: Smart Growth and Sustainable Development". Smart Growth aims to: improve the efficiency of land use, protect the natural and cultural environment, promote economic prosperity, and improve the quality of life. The application of smart growth strategies promotes sustainable development. The Conference will bring together planners, designers, scholars, scientists, and government officials from both China and all over the world to exchange their ideas.

Potential topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Historical and Theoretical Foundations
- Transportation and Land Use
- Housing and Community Development
- Labor Force and Economic Development
- Urban Design
- International Best (and Worst) Practices
- Analytical Methods
- Planning for Public Health
- Environmental Planning
- Public Finance
- Public Participation
- Historical Preservation and Urban Renewal
- Big Data and Urban-Rural Planning

Abstract Submission

Please submit your paper abstract of 200-300 words, in **English only***, including the title, author(s), affiliation, contact address, telephone and email address, to http://www.chinaplanning.org/conf/index.php/iacp_9th/by **January 31, 2015**. Please refer to the abstract template on the last page. If you work in mainland China, please also provide your Chinese name, affiliation, contact address, abstract title and abstract in both English and Chinese. **When applicable, the abstract should answer the following questions:**

- **What is the issue addressed and why is it important for policy or practice?**
- **What gaps or misunderstandings in the literature does the research fill or correct?**
- **How was the research conducted?**
- **What are the (expected) research findings?**
- **What are the conclusions for policy or practice and the implications for further research?**

All abstracts will be peer reviewed by the Technical Committee.

Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission: January 31, 2015
Notification of abstract acceptance: March 1, 2015
Deadline for advance registration: May 1, 2015
Deadline for proceeding paper submission **: May 1, 2015
Deadline for student award and travel grant applications: May 1, 2015
On-site registration and technical tours: June 19, 2015
Conference dates: June 20-21, 2015

Conference Organizing Committee

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Host

The International Association for China Planning is an independent non-profit organization of scholars, students, and practitioners interested in planning issues in China. Founded in 2005 and located in Washington DC, USA, its mission is three-fold: (1) to serve as a bridge between urban planning researchers and practitioners in China and their counterparts in other countries, (2) to provide a forum for scholarly and professional dialogues, and (3) to form a lively and supportive community for its members. The current IACP Board Chair is Professor Qisheng Pan, Texas Southern University. The past chairs include Professors Tingwei Zhang, Qing Shen, Zhong-Ren Peng, and Xueming Chen. For further information on IACP, please consult: http://www.chinaplanning.org/.

The Local Host

The Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning (FAUP) of Chongqing University (CQU) is one of the architecture schools with strong faculties, a complete educational system, the largest in scale and the best educational facilities in China. FAUP has nearly 200 faculties and researchers and more than 2,000 students. There are three Undergraduate Programs, fifteen Master Programs, three Professional Degree Programs, and three Doctorate Programs. FAUP has made great achievements in education and research during the past 70 years. It has been awarded one second prize of National Science and Technology Advancement, one silver prize of National Design Award, one second prize of National Educational Achievement Award. The architectural design and urban planning works of the faculties have won several awards from the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Education, and Chongqing Government. It has one state-level prominent teacher, three National Excellent Courses, one National Teaching Team, and two National Characteristic Disciplines. FAUP pays much attention to international educational and academic collaborations. It has established strong relationships with architecture schools and departments of about 20 universities such as University of Florida, University of Minnesota, University of Toronto, University College London, Cardiff University, and University of Melbourne. Please consult: http://chongjian.cqu.edu.cn/

* *Conference language*: The working language for the IACP conference is English.
** Paper submission is only required for the participants who wish to publish a paper in the conference proceeding. Papers will be peer reviewed and an additional fee is required for publication. The fee is $425 or 2600 Yuan RMB. The 2013 and 2014 Conference Proceedings will be published by Springer. The publisher is applying EI index for the Conference Proceedings.

Template for abstract

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Key words: three to five key words

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[2] Use the following format: First name Last name; do not capitalize last name.
[3] When you submit an abstract online, please enter the names of all of your coauthors on the website. Otherwise, their name will not appear in the conference program.
[4] The questions were borrowed from the requirements of Journal of Planning Education and Research.