



SUBJECT: Abstract Submission Site Open for ACSP-AESOP Joint Congress, July 6 – 11 in Chicago

Abstract Deadline: Friday, February 8, 2008 at 11:00 PM US Eastern Standard Time

Joint Congress Website: <http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/upp/congress/>

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) will hold their 2008 annual conferences together at the fourth Joint Congress, July 6 -11 in Chicago at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel. This follows Joint Congresses in Oxford (1991), Toronto (1996), and Leuven (2003).

The ACSP-AESOP Joint Congress Committee and the Local Host Committee at the University of Illinois at Chicago invite proposals for individual papers, complete pre-organized sessions, roundtable discussions and poster presentations. The invitation is extended to faculty and students of ACSP and AESOP member programs and to scholars and scholarly practitioners outside the ACSP/AESOP family who are concerned with planning cities and regions.

Bridging the Divide: Celebrating the City

The conference theme “Bridging the Divide: Celebrating the City” focuses on the mediating role of cities. Many cities are, to some degree, divided or contested. And cities themselves may play roles in reproducing identities that promote conflict between racial, ethnic, religious or national groups. A key question arises: How can innovative approaches to planning and governance help to bridge these divides ?

We encourage papers and debate on the nature of these divides and the role that cities play in spanning them, through, for example, place-shaping, infrastructure development, governance, fostering of bridging social capital, capacity building, promoting environmental justice, reducing health disparities, and creating mechanisms for conflict resolution.

We hope to learn by building bridges in scholarship—sharing international perspectives and experiences on the role of cities in mediating conflict. A selection of high quality conference papers which address the conference theme will be considered for publication in an edited book.

Joint Congress Tracks :

€Papers and sessions should correspond to one of the following tracks:

- Track 1. Gender, ethnicity and diversity in planning
- Track 2. Economic development
- Track 3. Environmental planning, resource management and climate change
- Track 4. Governance, capacity building and participation
- Track 5. Housing and community development
- Track 6. International development and transnational planning
- Track 7. Land use policy and governance
- Track 8. Methods for spatial and planning analysis
- Track 9. Planning education
- Track 10. Planning and human health and safety
- Track 11. Planning processes, law, administration, and dispute resolution
- Track 12. Planning theory and history
- Track 13. Regions and regional planning
- Track 14. Transportation, mobility, connectivity and infrastructure planning
- Track 15. Urban design and physical planning
- Track 16: Mini-Track - Planning ideas and planning practices, sponsored by the Journal Planning Theory and Practice, published by Routledge

You may also participate by hosting a reception, displaying at the book fair, submitting job opportunities or your CV to the Job Fair or scheduling a meeting.

For more information or to submit an abstract, visit the Joint Congress Website at <http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/upp/congress/> or contact the Congress Director Donna Dodd at ddodd@acsp.org.

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