

Call for Abstracts

## **Activating Space: Returning to Human-Centered Urban Planning and Design**

The 11th International Association for China Planning (IACP) Conference  
Harbin, China, June 16-18, 2017

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We are pleased to invite you to submit abstracts to the 11th IACP Conference.

### **Conference Theme**

Since the beginning of its reform and “opening up” in 1978, China has undergone urbanization at a scale and speed that is unprecedented in history, and Chinese cities have grown to a massive scale. On December 20, 2015, the Chinese government held the Central Urban Work Conference for the first time in 37 years. The conference called for the transformation of urban development in China by improving the structure and capacity of urban governance systems to solve problems that plague cities. The goals of these changes are to create harmonious, livable, energetic, and modern cities, to improve the quality of urbanization in the future, and to establish a path for development with Chinese characteristics. This conference represents a new era for Chinese top-down urban planning, where cities will focus on the quality and content of development rather than simply pursuing large-scale, fast growth. Urban planning will emphasize people and their environment, with how “places” shape “people” and “their lives” becoming increasingly important. “Putting people first” has once again become the central goal of urban planning. At the same time, urban “spaces” are large, complex systems composed of interrelated factors like economics, society, the environment, urban management, and culture; as such, urban environments have become a major focus of study for a wide variety of academic disciplines. Therefore, the central topic of the new era of urban planning lies in how urban spaces adapt to the needs of the many groups of people who live in cities, thereby facilitating social fairness and sustainable development.

The theme for this conference is “Activating Space: Returning to Human-Centered Urban Planning and Design.” During this new historical period, we will once again consider the meaning and value of urban spaces, the connotations of urban spaces, the ways that urban spaces sustain urban lifestyles, and other aspects of urban life such as politics, economics, society, the environment, city management, culture, and technology. This annual conference will bring together scholars, governmental managers, and planning practitioners from around the world for a meaningful dialogue on ways to address urban problems, to improve the natural environment, and to increase the quality of life in cities.

The topics for this conference include but are not limited to:

- Regional development and the “Belt and Road” strategy

- Revitalization of traditional industrial bases
- Urban-rural coordination and rural development
- Urban policy, management, and economy
- Urban-rural historical and cultural preservation
- Big data and smart cities
- Analytical methods and computer applications
- Economic development
- Environmental planning
- Housing & community development
- Land use policy and governance
- Health planning
- Planning regulation, theory, and history
- Regional planning
- Transportation & infrastructure planning
- Urban design

### **Keynote speakers**

Weiping Wu, professor, Columbia University, the USA

Thai Ker Liu, president, Center for Livable Cities, Singapore

Eric Heikkila, professor, University of Southern California, the USA

### **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.chinapanning.org/alpha/annual-conference/> by **February 15, 2017**. Please refer to the template on the last page. **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: February 15, 2017

Notification of abstract acceptance: March 15, 2017

Deadline for advance registration: May 1, 2017

Deadline for proceeding paper submission \*\*: May 1, 2017

Deadline for student award and travel grant applications: May 1, 2017

Dean's forum, on-site registration and technical tours: June 16, 2017

Conference: June 17-18, 2017

### **Conference Organizing Committee**

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\* *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 \$450 or 3100 Yuan RMB. The 2013-2015 conference proceedings were published by Springer. The publisher is applying EI index for the Conference Proceedings. We expect to publish the 2017 one by Springer.

Template for abstract

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Key words: three to five key words

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