CALL FOR PAPERS – 2020

CONFERENCE SUMMARY
Title: 4th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (CURP) - 2020
Theme: Retaining City Histories – An approach to integrated Planning
Date: 13-14 March, 2020
Venue: NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan
Conference Language: English
Hosted By: Department of Architecture & Planning, NED University
Web Links: http://www.neduet.edu.pk/arch_planning/index.html

BACKGROUND
The Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University has organized eleven seminars on urban and regional planning successively from 2004 to 2016. This series of seminar has been able to provide a platform to architects, planners, academia, industry and researchers to share their scholarly research on emerging issues, evolving concepts and new body of knowledge in the field of urban and regional planning. These seminars focused on broad issues of education, practice, learning from experiences; planning and managing urban change; planning in a globalizing world; interface of planning with the market economy; urbanization and secondary cities; dynamics of land in planning; housing for all; planning for people; and planning and institutional arrangements. Research scholars and experts from various countries presented their papers, which were later on published as eight separate volumes of seminar proceedings - distributed free of cost to the concerned individuals, institutions and academic links.

Since year 2017, the scope of this Seminar was extended to International Conference. This enhancement in scale of seminar has proven to be a stimulating junction for scholarly debates, discussions, networking and partnerships for future research activities. Till date the department of Architecture and planning has hosted three International Conferences of Urban and Regional Planning (CURP) for the following themes.

• 1st CURP- Urban Resilience and Adaptation
• 2nd CURP- Cities Beyond City
• 3rd CURP- Innovation in Planning and Practice

A sizable number of International and national experts deliberated at length on key matters related to above stated themes. Few selected papers from the conference were published in peer reviewed biannual research journal of Department of Architecture and Planning ‘Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning’

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planners, architects, government officials, academics and all allied professionals to share their knowledge and researches befitting to the theme of this conference for the benefit of public, professionals and students of subject.

CONFERENCE THEME

Human development has been indebted to cities that always tended to embrace opportunities to grow and reflect their identities. All cities irrespective of geographical variations have historical, social, political and economic context. Under the influence of political, economic and sociocultural factors cities undergo several development phases such as reconstruction, transformation, demolition and conservation. Retaining city histories with respect to tangible and intangible values possess several challenges of local governance, infrastructure development, socioeconomic planning for development, legal framework and enforcement, traffic and transportation, involvement of stakeholders and technical expertise. Retaining local identity having distinctive characters and visual integrity of historic cities has become a local pride that engenders sense of belonging and boosts tourism and economic benefits. However, wave of urbanization, trend of cloned-global cities, massive expansion in city scale along with poorly conceived and badly implemented development policies have delineated historical urban environments. There is truly a dire need to promote the historical value of a city and implement beneficial strategies for urban planning management to demonstrate identity, social, cultural and economic life of the city. Integrated planning can become a game changer for improving economies, creating conducive environments and uplifting the livelihoods.

The two day, 4th International Conference on Urban & Regional Planning (CURP20') aims to have an intellectual discourse on the city histories, which would be helpful in elaborating on the importance of integrated planning for retaining city histories and its opportunities, challenges and threats. CURP20’ encourages paper presenters to share and generate strategic visions which may inspire the participants, decision makers, local politicians, planning agencies and bureaucrats to shape and co-ordinate their ‘Development’ undertakings to make positive differences.

The theme of the Conference ‘Retaining City Histories – An approach to integrated Planning’ poses many questions such as how to rescue quickly depleting tangible and intangible traces of history? How to provide layers of infrastructure that are needed to revamp past traces? How to address the ever increasing demand of land resource in comparison to histories preservation? And what challenges can be converted into opportunities?

The theme of the Conference also draws attention to deliberate on the implications of integrated approach in Planning and Practice, generally across the globe, and particularly in Pakistan. Following are the sub themes for the Conference:

- Technical expertise in urban conservation/heritage planning
  - Criticism on the historiographical perspective of the city
  - Historicity as source of documentation
  - Impact of historiographic contextual account on city’s planning
CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES
The objectives of CURP 2020 are as follows:
- To provide scholars from different countries an opportunity to come together for an exchange of views, ideas, and information regarding what was being done in their respective countries towards the extension, improvement, and refinement of historical knowledge related to the national and regional needs of Asian peoples particularly with reference to the conference theme: 'Retaining City Histories – An approach to integrated Planning'.
- To find ways and means for collaboration and networking among academics and international scholars for fruitful information sharing.
- To provide a platform for sharing recent research with a particular focus on global south.

PARTICIPANTS
The conference is open to all academia, educators, civil society, media professionals, industry practitioners and research scholars/students extending their contributions corresponding to the main scope and theme of the conference.
A wide attendance from national and international participants is expected at the conference, including paper presenters, panelists, university students and experts from the field. We invite you all to join hands with us and be a substantial part of the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES
Abstract submission dates: 09 December, 2019
Date of notification to the author: 23 December, 2019
Full paper deadline: 27 January, 2020
Conference Dates: 13-14 March, 2020

FUNDING
Financial support for travel and/or accommodation of paper presenters is subject to the approval of funding proposal/s submitted to various organizations.

REQUIREMENTS
Scholars, practitioners and academics are invited to contribute research papers focusing on the theme.
• The length of paper must not exceed 6000 words. Text should be typed and printed on A-4 sized sheets; submitted along with a soft copy as Microsoft Word Document.
• Papers selected by the Scientific Committee for presentation will be considered for publication in Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning 2019 volume/s, thus contributors are requested to send their drafts complete in all respects, on or before the due date.
• Abstract should not exceed 300 words and submitted by given deadline.

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ABSTRACT FORMAT
[Times New Roman 10-point, Bold, Centered and Upper and Lower Case]
Abstract ‘containing a Central Theme/Idea’ should be written in English within a range of some 250 to 300 words, consisting of no more than 5 key words, in relation with the given sub-themes. Please email your abstract for pre-approval from the Conference Scientific Committee.

PAPER MAIN TITLE
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PAPER FORMAT

- Paper should be the original and unpublished work of the author. Submission of an article will be taken to imply that it is not on offer to any other publisher.
- The first page of the article should contain the title of the article, the name of the author, and a footnote giving the current affiliation of the author, and comments, if any.
- Notes should be numbered consecutively. Each appendix and table should have separate set of notes.
- Papers containing less than two thousand (2000) words as well as those having corporate authors shall not be entertained.
- Papers must include: Abstract, Introduction, Central Theme of the research and Conclusion coupled with authentic primary and secondary sources.
- The Editor will have the right to edit/change the transliteration of historical names, titles and non-English terminology to bring them into conformity with the Journal’s own style at publication stage.
- Interested authors should download and read the Instructions to Authors Manual (http://www.neduet.edu.pk/arch_planning/NED-JRAP/Referencing_System.html) for all details of requirements, procedures, paper mechanics, referencing style and technical review process for submitted papers.

SECTION:

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All the pages of the paper size should be A4 (21 x 29.7cm). The top and bottom margin should be 1”, the left 1.5” and 1” for right margin. All the text must be in one column format and Times New Roman must be used, including figures and tables. Single-spaced with 12-point inter-lining spacing. Leave two blank lines before each section [Times New Roman, 12-point, Normal, Alignment Justify, Upper and Lower Case]

SUBSECTIONS:

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The text included in the section or subsection must begin one line after the section or subsection title.

Leave two blank lines (10 point) before the section title and one line before the subsection title.

FIGURES AND TABLES

Figures, tables and graphics should be Centered, Numbered and Accompanied by a Legend.

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