



# 5<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 5th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (CURP) – 2021 is scheduled to be held in Karachi, Pakistan on **3rd -4th December 2021** focusing on the theme of **Perspectives on Pandemic: Impact on Urban Pedagogies, research and practice**. This Call for Papers invites urban 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.

### 'Perspectives on Pandemic: Impact on Urban Pedagogies, Research and Practice'

#### CONFERENCE THEME

The recorded history of human being was relatively familiar with the notion of Pandemic, but it is definitely a new phenomenon for 21st century. The COVID-19 has certain and quite apparent influence on contextual and situational features across the globe. This pandemic situation has not only brought massive change in the life style and social interaction globally but it has dramatically changed the urban pedagogies and practices. By and large, cities are going through changes in land use policy and planning. This natural calamity has exposed the ground reality about health care, economics stability and infrastructure management. Massive urbanization and globalization are pivotal factors of wide spread. Various domains of engineering, architecture, urban planning, economics, management, business and many others are impacted and responding accordingly. The new normal demands inclination towards resilient community planning.

Specifically the whole idea of education and pedagogy has shifted to new avenues of digital and remote learning, moreover the impacts on urban pedagogies, research and practices are dynamic and constantly evolving. Planning approaches that had been working as catalyst for shaping our urban enclaves are now demanding from resources and practices to explore new directions. In response to long lasting impacts, the COVID-19 pandemic posed a set of challenges for planning pedagogies and practices. In urban and regional planning, through inception of profession and practice, it has been found that researches have been focused on rehabilitation of disasters/hazards and cure/ prevention measures from chronic diseases. However, a shift of paradigm now demands, apart from eradicating viruses and contagious ailment, reshaping our tangible and intangible spatial layouts from micro to macro scale. Impact analysis, policy responses and recommendations from experts of various sectors of education, health, economics, commerce and government bodies have been found inadequate to combat impacts and spread of this disease. Therefore its dire need of the time to address various pedagogical approaches, research and planning practices which if not possible to eradicate, however combat perceived stress due to the COVID-19 crisis.

The theme of the Conference "Perspectives on Pandemic: Impact on Urban Pedagogies, Research and Practice" poses many questions such as how the new urban land use policy should be formulated? How to provide layers of infrastructure that are needed to combat pandemic situation of COVID-19? How to combat the vulnerability of under privileged? Can this situation molded into an opportunity for all, esp. under-privileged strata of society? If this pandemic situation is the new normal so what type of changes in urban planning and policies can be made to cater futuristic cities.

#### 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 2021 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.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission dates:  
**15 June, 2021**

Date of notification to the author:  
**5 July, 2021**

Full paper deadline:  
**09 August, 2021**

Conference Dates:  
**3rd-4th December, 2021**

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**NOTE: Given the present challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic, the conference is planned to be conducted in a hybrid mode.**