

# CALL FOR PAPERS – CURP 2021

## CONFERENCE SUMMARY (left hand side )

**Title:** 5th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (CURP) - 2021

**Theme:** Perspectives on Pandemic: Impact on Urban Pedagogies, Research and Practice

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**Venue:** City Campus, 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](http://www.neduet.edu.pk/arch_planning/index.html)

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

## BACKGROUND (ABOUT)

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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> CURP- Urban Resilience and Adaptation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CURP- Cities Beyond City
- 3<sup>rd</sup> CURP- Innovation in Planning and Practice
- 4<sup>th</sup> CURP- Retaining City Histories – An Approach to Integrated Planning

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'. Links to the journal can be found on the department's webpage i.e. [https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/online\\_submission.html](https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/online_submission.html)

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (CURP) – 2021 is scheduled to be held in Karachi, Pakistan on 3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CONFERENCE THEME

The recorded history of human being was relatively familiar with the notion of Pandemic, but it is definitely a new phenomenon for 21<sup>st</sup> 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 the 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. underprivileged 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.

The theme of the Conference draws attention to deliberate on the implications of pandemic on Urban Pedagogies, research and practice, generally across the globe, and particularly in Pakistan. Following are the sub themes for the Conference:

### **SUB THEMES**

- Historical analysis
- Tangible and intangible pandemic preparedness
- Epidemic and empowerment of underprivileged
- Pandemic and Changing Urban Environment
- Pandemic and new building typologies (Addition to built environment)
- Pandemic and ecology
- Pandemic and Economics
- Pandemic and Global South
- Pandemic and Globalization
- Effects on education and teaching methods
- Urban governance, capacity and institutional development in contingent time
- Pandemic and the urban poor, marginalized and under-privileged communities

### **CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of CURP 2021 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: **“Perspectives on Pandemic: Impact on Urban Pedagogies, research and practice”**.
- 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 researches 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: **15 June, 2021**

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

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

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

## **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.

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