

# CALL FOR PAPERS - CURP 2024

## CONFERENCE SUMMARY

**Title:** 7th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (CURP - 2024)

**Theme:** **Urban Ecology, Sustainable Planning and Inclusivity: Issues and Challenges**

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

**Venue:** City Campus, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan

**Conference Language:** English

**Hosted By:** Department of Architecture & Planning, NED University,

**Web Links:** <https://curp.neduet.edu.pk>

## BACKGROUND

From the Year 2004 to 2016, the Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University has organized eleven seminars on urban and regional planning. The series of seminar has been able to provide a platform to architects, planners, academia, industry and researchers to share their scholarly researches 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 these Seminars was upgraded to two days International Conference. Till now the department of Architecture and planning has hosted six editions of International Conferences on Urban and Regional Planning (CURP) addressing 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
- 5<sup>th</sup> CURP- Perspectives on Pandemic - Impact on Urban Pedagogies, Research and Practice
- 6<sup>th</sup> CURP- Cities and the Poor

A substantial number of international and national experts deliberated at length on key matters related to above stated themes. Few selected papers from the Conferences were published in the Department's peer reviewed biannual publication the; '**Journal of Research in Architecture**

**and Planning’**. Links to the journal can be found on the department’s webpage. <https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/>

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (CURP 2024) is scheduled to be held in Karachi, Pakistan on 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 focusing on the theme of **Urban Ecology, Sustainable Planning and Inclusivity: Issues and Challenges**. This Call for Papers invites urban planners, architects, government officials, academics and all allied professionals to share their relevant knowledge and researches in-line with the theme for the benefit of public, professionals and students in related fields.

## **CONFERENCE THEME**

Cities and towns are expanding with exponential population growth for many economic, social, political and strategic reasons. Currently half of the population of planet lives in cities, which will increase to 60% or almost two third in 2030. The rapid urbanization and converting the green acres into concrete blocks are believed to bring economic growth, job opportunities and so on, likewise negatively impacting the natural environment and affecting physical and mental health too. The challenges of expanding pollution and climate change in an urban environment are also vital. Consequently, making many crucial components of a livable city ignored. The impacts of urbanisation, development and climate change on urban ecology and landscape are challenging and long term.

The domain of urban ecology broaches the equilibrium in natural and manmade intervention, it has now been considered as a multidisciplinary research field. It is primarily human – nature interface. Since, Urban Ecology has been largely overlooked in postindustrial cities, subsequently the agency of urban planners, geographers and architects in the developing countries are widely questioned. The objective of planning and design in the context of urban ecology needs deliberate effort, practice and implementation of guidelines and policies to inculcate awareness for its importance in sustainable city and communities. The integration of all the natural features, respecting presence of other species of nature in the planning process is extremely pivotal. The planning and design adjustments for larger objectives of urban ecology are also align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These design parameters and measures are vital for sustainable growth of any city or region. Cities often appear acting as a container; it must have biodiversity for the physical and mental wellbeing of its stakeholders, the citizens. This refers to the scientific field of urban ecology, as a paradigm, which ultimately redefines the scope of nature in urban setting. It also possesses many challenges and opportunities. Through the lens of urban ecology, the principles of planning and design are modified and updated for the better and more livable natural and manmade built spaces. It revolves around public policy, its implementation, the energy efficient built form, social inclusivity and many other domains of planning.

How the clear understanding of urban ecology will help us to think, plan, design and deliver more livable, sustainable and comprehensive cities. What are the challenges and opportunities for urban ecology, in global south. These and more questions shall be taken up in this moot.

The theme of the conference **‘Urban Ecology, Sustainable Planning and Inclusivity: Issues and Challenges’** draws attention to deliberate on the issues of urban governance, healthy and livable cities, the usage of technology in improving the quality of urban ecology, generally across the globe, and particularly in Pakistan. Following are the sub themes for the Conference:

- Cities and Urbanise Landscape
- Digital Application in Urban Ecology and Planning
- Inclusive and Socially Equitable Communities
- Administrative reforms for Open and Green Spaces
- Urban governance, capacity and institutional development
- Civil society’s organizations and awareness for Urban Ecology
- Microfinancing for parks and landscape preservation and development
- Design efficiencies and technological advancements in Urban Ecology

### **CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of CURP 2024 are as follows:

- To provide scholars from different countries an opportunity to come together for an exchange of views, ideas, and information regarding what is being done in their respective countries towards the extension, improvement, and refinement of historical knowledge related to the national and regional needs particularly with reference to the conference theme: **“Urban Ecology, Planning Challenges, Issues and Inclusivity”**.
- 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: **6<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

Date of notification to the author: **12 January, 2024**

Full paper deadline: **3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024**

Reviewer comments and revised papers: **16<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

Conference Dates: **8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

## **FUNDING**

All national and international paper presenters will be provided accommodation and local hospitality during their stay in Karachi for the conference. Financial support for travel 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 sheets; submitted along with a soft copy.
- Papers selected by the Scientific Committee for presentation will be considered for publication in Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning 2024-25 volume/s therefore revised papers will be submitted online to JRAP with link [https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/online\\_submission.html](https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/online_submission.html) and will follow second phase of peer review after the conference. 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**

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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.
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- 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](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]

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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.

### **PAGE NUMBERS, HEADERS AND FOOTERS**

Please avoid using Page Numbers, Headers and Footers.