

Conference Announcement IPHS 2016

From July 17 to 21 2016, the International Planning History Society (IPHS) will hold its 17th conference in Delft, Netherlands (iphs2016.org)

We invite proposals for single papers, pre-organized sessions, discussion-focused roundtables, on the topic of History - Urbanism – Resilience.

Topic

Over many centuries, cities around the world have demonstrated an astounding resilience as they have prepared for, responded to and recovered from natural and man-made disasters. In view of current challenges from earthquakes and tsunamis, from climate change and sea level rise, from migration and demographic transformation to war and terrorism, this conference invites papers that engage with the theme of resilience and the diverse tangible and intangible structures that support it.

We particularly welcome contributions that investigate urban form, urban visions, comprehensive planning, adaptive design, governance structures or policy making as related to danger, destruction and rebuilding in the modern era. This includes research on physical rebuilding, as well as economic restructuring, governance, and related social, ethnic, migratory, religious, and issues and implications.

Call for Proposals

1. Abstracts for Papers and Session Proposals, open 1 December 2015, due 5 January 2016
2. Decision on proposals by no later than 5 February 2016

Refereeing track:

3. Full paper submitted for peer review by 5 April 2016
4. Review comments by 5 May 2016
5. Submission of final papers for publication 1 June 2016

Location

The Netherlands is an ideal location to address this topic. Spatial planning, regional planning and urban planning have a long history; in fact, many Dutch cities wouldn't exist without extensive preventive planning strategies many of which can be adapted in the face of rising sea levels. Delft for example, the conference venue, is two meters below sea level.

Proposals for other topics in planning history

We also invite proposals on other topics relevant to the modern history of urban, regional and environmental planning generally. We encourage papers with a comparative and cross-disciplinary approach by historians, academic and practicing planners, geographers, environmentalists, preservationists, public policy makers, and graduate students. Only peer-reviewed papers by presenters attending the conference will be included in the conference proceedings.

Submission Process

Single paper proposals, pre-organized sessions, discussion- focused roundtables, and other modes of presentation are invited.

Proposals should be prepared in the form of an abstract of no more than 500 words exclusive of references. Links between the paper and proposed conference theme should be indicated if possible.

A short biographical statement (500 words) or an abbreviated CV needs to be submitted with the abstract, including full contact information (address, email, phone).

Proposals should be submitted via email. Mail should be used only as a last resort (if reliable email is not available).

Use of email for abstract, biosketch and paper submission will aid in preparation of the conference proceedings in a timely manner. Abstracts and biosketches/CVs may be submitted as a PDF. All proposal abstracts will be refereed by the program committee.

Authors who would like to have their full papers in the conference proceedings (available with conference registration) have to go through a refereeing process.

Papers submitted for consideration in the refereed proceedings will need to be in Word or a software that allows editing.

The International Planning History Society (IPHS)

In the four decades since its formation in 1976 the International Planning History Society has created a vibrant community of specialist scholars encompassing every region of the world. Previous get-togethers have been hosted by the cities and universities of London UK, Brighton UK, Tokyo, Birmingham UK, Richmond VA, Thessaloniki, Hong Kong, Sydney Australia, Helsinki, Letchworth Garden City, Barcelona, New Delhi, Chicago, Istanbul, Sao Paulo and St Augustine Florida. The Society's biennial rendez-vous returns to Europe for the 17th IPHS Conference in Delft NL.

IPHS conferences have built up a formidable historiographic legacy through the society's specialist journal *Planning Perspectives*. We warmly invite the participation of scholars working on any aspect of the history of city and regional planning.

More information at the website: iphs2016.org Or email: info@iphs2016.org