

**PLANETEERS: The 2016 World Planning Schools Congress will take place 3-8 July in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 5 October 2015.** Details are available at: <http://www.wpsc2016.com.br/index.html>

This fourth WPSC: *Global Crisis, Planning & Challenges to Spatial Justice in the North and the South*, is organized by the Global Planning Education Association Network (GPEAN), and will be hosted by the Institute of Urban and Regional Research and Planning - IPPUR – at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, together with the (Brazilian) Association of Research and Graduate Studies in Urban and Regional Planning – ANPUR, with the collaboration of colleagues of the Graduate Programs in Geography of the Federal Universities Fluminense and Minas Gerais (UFF and UFMG), of the UFRJ Graduate Program in Urbanism and of the UFMG Centre of Regional Development and Planning (CEDEPLAR). It follows prior WPSCs held in Shanghai (2001), Mexico City (2006), and Perth (2011), and is supported by the 11 planning school association members of GPEAN, including ACSP. This will likely be the largest and most diverse gathering of planning scholars/educators to take place globally in five years.

A seminar for doctoral students in planning will precede the Congress on Sunday 3 July.

Additional information from the Congress website (<http://www.wpsc2016.com.br/index.html>):

The initiative to organize World Planning School Congresses came up with the formation of a global network by national and regional associations of planning schools and institutes around the world in 2001. Since then this network, the GLOBAL PLANNING EDUCATION NETWORK - GPEAN assigns the organization of each World Congress to one or more schools of one of its members. In five and five years, this event aims to bring together scholars and professionals from all continents to present experiences, discuss proposals and critical analysis and encourage a debate on the current planning problems in different parts of the world.

In 2016, the IV WPSC will be held in Rio de Janeiro. As responsible for this edition of WPSC, the GPEAN designated the Institute of Urban and Regional Research and Planning - IPPUR – at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ -, a member of the Brazilian Association of Research and Graduate Studies in Urban and Regional Planning – ANPUR with the collaboration of colleagues of the Graduate Programs in Geography of the Federal Universities Fluminense and Minas Gerais (UFF and UFMG), of the UFRJ Graduate Program in Urbanism and of the UFMG Centre of Regional Development and Planning (CEDEPLAR).

A GPEAN Steering Committee composed of three members from three different continents accompanies, guides and supports the work of the Local Organization Commission.

All abstracts and papers presented must be written in English. Unfortunately, any other language will not be accepted. The extended abstracts submitted may not have less than 6000, or more than 7,000 characters with spaces, not including bibliography and illustrations. It should be written in Word (.doc), with Times New Roman, size 12 with simple interline and justified margins. All abstracts sent to the organizing committee which do not obey these limitations will not be considered for a presentation, without obligation of the organizing committee to send any notification to the authors that violate this requirement. Abstracts should contain a clear statement of the problem, objectives, methodology and main results and contributions. In case of a submission of a Roundtable/Panel it is necessary to inform, in the text of the abstract, names of colleagues and their institutional linkages from those who will participate. Each author is entitled to present a maximum of two works.

## Key Dates

Call for extended abstracts until October 2015

Final date for submission: October, 5th, 2015 (10/05/2015)

Evaluation by the co-chairs: October – November 2015

Communication of Acceptance: from November, 27th

Start of Registration: December 2015

Early bird: January 2016

Evaluation of complete papers for those who need it for funding their participation: referral of papers until March, 4th, 2016

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