



IASTE 2020

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Dear Colleague,

As we near the submission deadline for conference abstracts, we would like to bring this to your attention again. The seventeenth biennial conference of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments (IASTE) will be held in Nottingham, United Kingdom from September 3-6, 2020. The theme of this conference is “Virtual Traditions” and a brief description is below with more detailed information about the tracks on our website www.iaste.org and on the attached IASTE 2020 | Call for Abstracts Poster.

This conference will explore how the mutual influences between the virtual and the traditional reconfigure new structures of communities, societies, and cities — extending and connecting built spaces. In an era defined by social media and online interaction, new agents manipulate traditions, values, myths, borders, and even the legitimacy of the built environment in virtual space. Scientific innovation, data-mining, algorithms, and spatial and digital modeling have thus led to new methods of interpretation and mechanisms of decision-making that force a reconsideration of the link between buildings and people, culture and its consumers. The organizers of IASTE 2020 Nottingham invite participants to revisit the notions, concepts, and practices of tradition at a time when virtual and mobile interaction increasingly dictate the terms of everyday life, at home, at work, and in the public sphere. Three tracks will foster this discourse: *Theorizing the Virtual and the Traditional in the Built Environment*; *The Socio-Spatial Traditions of Everyday Life in Changing Landscapes*; and *Tradition, Space, and Professional Practice in the Built Environment at Times of Transition*.

Scholars from relevant disciplines are invited to submit a 500-word abstract and short biography by October 18, 2019. The full call is available online at: <http://iaste.org/iaste-2020-virtual-traditions/>

IASTE is an independent, academically-centered non-profit association that was founded in 1988. The association's activities have included the publication of a semi-annual journal, *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review*, and an ongoing *Working Paper Series*. Our biennial conferences have been held at locations as varied as Oxford, Tunis, and Bangkok on themes concerned with sustainability, development and the built environment, and issues of culture and identity. Our conferences draw nearly 400 participants representing a wide range of academic disciplines such as architecture, architectural history, art history, anthropology, archaeology, folklore, geography, history, landscape architecture, planning, political science, and urban studies.

If you have any questions, please contact us by phone at 541.712.7832 or e-mail at coordinator@iaste.org. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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