Call for Papers

ACSP – AESOP

Fourth Joint Congress, Chicago

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July 6 – 11, 2008 Chicago, Illinois
Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile
A major international conference on planning scholarship
The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) will hold their 2008 annual conferences together at the fourth Joint Congress in Chicago. This follows Joint Congresses in Oxford (1991), Toronto (1996), and Leuven (2003). We extend an invitation to colleagues from North America, Europe and beyond to join us in what will be a major international gathering of planning scholars.

The Mediating Role of Cities
The conference theme “Bridging the Divide: Celebrating the City” focuses on the mediating role of cities. Many cities are, to some degree, divided or contested. And cities themselves may play roles in reproducing identities that promote conflict between racial, ethnic, religious or national groups. A key question arises: How can innovative approaches to planning and governance help to bridge these divides?

We encourage papers and debate on the nature of these divides and the role that cities play in spanning them, through, for example, place-shaping, infrastructure development, governance, fostering of bridging social capital, capacity building, promoting environmental justice, reducing health disparities, and creating mechanisms for conflict resolution.

We hope to learn by building bridges in scholarship—sharing international perspectives and experiences on the role of cities in mediating conflict.

A selection of high quality conference papers which address the conference theme will be considered for publication in an edited book.

Chicago – a world class city
Chicago is home of the well-known 1909 Chicago Plan by Burnham and Bennett, the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition, important 20th century architecture, a dramatic mayor-led city greening program, the acclaimed Millennium Park, the American Planning Association, the Congress for New Urbanism, summer festivals and diverse neighborhoods. The contrast between a downtown skyline, to match any in the world, with the vast Lake Michigan is a startling urban experience as well as being a stunning example of new city planning and adventurous urban design. www.cityofchicago.org/Tourism

Taste of Chicago Festival
Come the week before the Congress for the week-long Taste of Chicago Festival on Chicago’s lakefront. It includes great food, concerts and, on July 3, a fireworks display that attracts more than a million visitors. www.tasteofchicago.us

Hotel
The Congress will convene at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel, located in downtown Chicago, with tourist and shopping attractions nearby. A special room rate has been negotiated for the Congress. Contact the hotel for reservations at 540 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, 1-800-228-9290. www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chidt-chicago-marriott-downtown-magnificent-mile
Scholarly And Social Events That Stimulate Debate And Help You Explore The City

Reception Cruise
The Monday evening opening reception is aboard the Odyssey Cruise ship which disembarks from Navy Pier on Lake Michigan and provides stunning views of Chicago. [www.odysseycruises.com/chicago](http://www.odysseycruises.com/chicago)

Mobile Workshops
When you register for the congress, sign up for a mobile workshop such as one of the following: The Chicago Transit System by Elevated Railway, Immigration and Temporary Workers, Cultural Heritage Tourism, The University as Developer, Downtown and Lakefront by Bicycle, Manufacturing and Distribution Business Parks, or The Place of the Blues.

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Registration Fees
Congress registration is 395 (USD), or 295 (USD) for students and for retired members of ACSP or AESOP. One-day registration for non-academic practitioners is 95 (USD). Registration will be available on the Congress web site.
We invite your participation
To participate, respond to our call for papers below, host a school or interest group reception, display at the book fair, or connect at the job fair.

Call for Papers
The ACSP-AESOP Joint Congress Committee and the Local Host Committee at the University of Illinois at Chicago invite proposals for the following:

• individual papers
• complete pre-organized sessions
• roundtable discussions
• poster presentations

The invitation is extended to faculty and students of ACSP and AESOP member programs and to scholars and scholarly practitioners outside the ACSP/AESOP family who are concerned with planning cities and regions.

Papers and sessions should correspond to one of the following Tracks:
Track 1. Gender, ethnicity and diversity in planning
Track 2. Economic development
Track 3. Environmental planning, resource management and climate change
Track 4. Governance, capacity building and participation
Track 5. Housing and Community Development
Track 6. International development and transnational planning
Track 7. Land use policy and governance
Track 8. Methods for spatial and planning analysis
Track 9. Planning education
Track 10. Planning and human health and safety
Track 11. Planning processes, law, administration, and dispute resolution
Track 12. Planning theory and history
Track 13. Regions and regional planning
Track 14. Transportation, mobility, connectivity and infrastructure planning
Track 15. Urban design and physical planning

Further instructions on submitting an abstract will be available at the Congress Website.

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