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2020 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS & SESSIONS

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
60th Annual Conference, November 5-8, 2020
Hosted by: University of Toronto, Ryerson University
and York University

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researchers and students

Website Open for Submissions:	Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 8:00am EST
Abstract submission deadline:	Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 11:59pm EST
Notification of Accept or Reject:	We anticipate the second week of May

The ACSP National Conference Committee cordially invites faculty, researchers and students to submit proposals for abstracts for the 2020 ACSP Annual Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. In addition to paper sessions, posters and roundtables, we invite you to consider two unique aspects of this upcoming conference:

1) 2020 Focus Event: *Racial Equity and Justice in Urban Planning Research and Education in the Face of Racialized Inequality.*
2) Pre-organized sessions, roundtables, or papers with submissions from both ACSP and Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) authors.

See the descriptions for each below. Instructions for these and other abstract submissions follow.

2020 Focus Event
Racial Equity and Justice in Urban Planning Research and Education in the Face of Racialized Inequality
Saturday, November 7, 2020

Cities across the globe are increasingly racially and economically diverse. Such diversity has also given rise to contests over differences in norms, rights and inequalities among groups that demands planners to directly engage in issues of racial equity and justice. In an effort to highlight emerging research on racial equity and justice within urban planning research and education, ACSP is organizing a conference focus event on these important topics at our 2020 Annual Conference in Toronto. This initiative is an opportunity for ACSP and non-ACSP scholars to engage issues of racial equity and justice in the face of racialized inequality within the built environment and urban planning. Hence, the goal of this initiative is to expand the intellectual space at the conference on these topics. Such topics include relationships to race and intersectional ways in which racialized forms of disadvantage and marginalization impacts spatial income inequality, the reification of gendered spaces in cities, planning efforts within gentrifying neighborhoods, research on incorporating more diverse voices in our discipline, studies that speak to creating inclusive spaces for LGBTQI communities, highlighting Indigenous planning practices, and immigration. Other topics that relate to racial equity and justice are also welcomed.

Another important goal of this conference focus event is to bring scholarly voices into ACSP that do not currently attend the ACSP conference but whose expertise and passion for racial equity research would greatly benefit the conference. Interdisciplinary scholars from ethnic studies, gender studies, geography and other academic fields are encouraged to submit their work.

AESOP-ACSP Joint Sessions

We invite pre-organized sessions, roundtables or research papers that include scholars from both the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) on any topic. Such proposals should highlight the advantage of the transatlantic perspective. This is part of a long-term effort by AESOP and ACSP to build more collaborations.

Pre-organized sessions and roundtables that are comprised of participants from multiple regions of the world are also welcomed, and global scholarship, transatlantic and transnational, is encouraged in any track. All submissions have the same requirements as others described below, and are submitted through the abstract submission site.

All Abstract Submissions

Please note that ALL proposals should contain the required information as described below including keywords and citations. Only abstracts that meet these criteria will be accepted for the conference.

Requirements

If you think that any of the following requirements are inappropriate for your work, please provide other relevant information. You will not have the option to attach full bibliographies, reports, or full papers during the abstract submission process.

Your abstract should contain the following information in about 600 words and be suitable for publication online without any further editing:

- Central theme or planning issue you are addressing: what research question(s) are you trying to answer?
- Approach and methodology: how will you address the question(s)?
- Meaningful and new findings. Research with concrete findings has a better chance of being accepted into the conference.
- Relevance and implications of your work to planning scholarship, practice, and/or education
- Key words (up to 5)
- Major references/citations (up to 5)

Focal Event and ACSP-AESOP Joint Sessions

The abstract system will provide a place for you to indicate your interest in having your abstract or pre-organized session considered for these two special elements of the 2020 conference.

Key Words

- Provide at least one, but no more than five.
- Key words help track chairs when putting together coherent paper sessions.
- The Book of Accepted Abstracts published to www.acsp.org will have an index of key words.

Major References/Citations

- Provide at least three, but no more than five.
- Citations help reviewers place your work in its field.
- The abstract submission system will restrict the listing of citations to a total of five (5).
- In the past, submissions have been rejected because of a lack of citations.

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AICP Credit Eligibility for your Submission

AICP pre-approves the ACSP Conference sessions so AICP members know the sessions they attend will be accepted for continuing education credits. During the abstract submission process, you will be required to use a pull-down menu to indicate an AICP-related topic for your abstract. There may not be a perfect fit choice, but select the one that seems the closest to your topic. This is a list created by the AICP.

ACSP is interested in the inclusion of sessions that provide our AICP faculty and attending professionals with law and ethics CM credits. If you are proposing such a session, or know someone we should contact, please contact ddodd@acsp.org.

Submission Fee and Payment

The required fee for online submission is $25 per abstract.

- ACSP does not accept abstract submissions by email, fax or mail.
- Abstracts sent directly to the track chair will not be reviewed or considered.
- Payment of the submission fee requires the use of a credit card. ACSP accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover.
- There are no abstract submission fee refunds.

Submission Types

- Individual paper presentations
- Pre-organized paper sessions
- Roundtable discussions
- Poster presentations

Poster Sessions

Posters are a highly effective way to present one's research. ACSP enthusiastically encourages faculty, researchers, and students to submit poster proposals highlighting their work. The conference will feature accepted posters during a reception in the exhibit hall on Friday afternoon. Posters will then remain on display until Saturday afternoon. Posters are subjected to the same rigorous review process as papers, except that the materials in posters have to be well-suited for visual presentations. A Best Poster award will be presented chosen by a panel of judges and the winning poster will be announced at the Saturday Luncheon.

Authors may present both a paper and a poster at the conference, but not from the same abstract submission. Authors must be in attendance at the conference in order to display their poster and be considered for the Best Poster award.

The presentation of a poster does not require a submitted final paper. Details about the creation of your poster will be posted to www.acsp.org through the Annual Conference menu.

Pre-Organized Sessions

The conference committee strongly encourages the grouping of papers in pre-organized sessions that have strong intellectual merit, but reserves the right to realign papers if needed.

- Pre-organized sessions that comprise all faculty from one university or only students will be rejected unless the organizers provide justification for the listed authors.
- Instructions for submitting a pre-organized session can be found at www.acsp.org through the Annual Conference menu.

A pre-organized session requires one lead person to work in the abstract submission system before the other authors. This leader creates a session title and completes additional general information fields including the name and email address of the primary author for each of the included abstracts. Once the session is created, the system will then email the participating authors with a link they can use to submit their own abstracts into the session. Although we cannot guarantee the discussant will not have a schedule conflict, we recommend the session organizer invite a discussant for the session. Please email a note to the conference coordinator so your session can be tracked for successful submission: abstracts@acsp.org.

A pre-organized session with only three papers will be scheduled in a 60 minute time slot; a 4-paper session in a 75 minute time slot; and a 5-paper session will be scheduled in a 90 minute time slot.

The fact that a session is pre-organized does not preclude track chairs from adding appropriate accepted papers to the session if time allows.

Roundtable Submissions

Successful roundtables are those that have a clear focus and foster discussion. Participants listed in the final program should offer short summaries of their viewpoints and engage in discussions with each other and the audience. A roundtable submission requires an organizer to submit the abstract, confirm additional participants in advance of abstract submission, and confirm a moderator to manage the discussion at the conference. A minimum of three participants is required in order for the roundtable to remain on the program. A successful roundtable requires strict enforcement of time limits to ensure a large block of time for audience participation. Roundtable sessions do not include paper presentations and are generally placed in a 60-minute time slot.

Track Information

The 2020 conference will be organized around sixteen tracks. You must indicate one track to which you are submitting the abstract, and second choice track as well. Many – perhaps most – topics cut across two or more tracks.

If you are uncertain about the appropriate placement for your work, we encourage you to correspond with relevant track chairs before submitting the abstract. Track chairs reserve the right to transfer an abstract submission to this alternative choice, or to a more suitable track.

Do not email your final abstract submission directly to a track chair. It must be submitted through the abstract submission site.

See the list of tracks on the last page of this Call.

The Fate of Your Submission

Due to the volume of submissions, proposals will either be rejected or accepted. Decisions are made based on quality abstracts working within the space constraints of the conference. The ACSP typically works with a 15-20% rejection rate based on the number of submissions and space available for presentations.

- Track chairs may invite authors of acceptable abstracts to present their work as posters prior to the review decision being emailed. Such a request is not a statement about the quality of the proposed work; it is a statement about whether the research is suitable in a poster format. The final decision is with the track chair and the track chair has the option to reject the abstract if the author does not agree to change the format.
- A rejected paper abstract will not be invited to present as a poster.
- Track chairs make the ultimate decision on whether a submission is accepted or rejected.

Notifications

All authors and co-authors related to an abstract submission will receive an email indicating acceptance or not for the 2020 conference. If you did not receive yours, and your co-authors did, please check your spam or junk mail folders before contacting abstracts@acsp.org.

Track chairs welcome your inquiry. Authors should get in touch with track chairs if they wish to receive feedback on their abstract.

Multiple Program Placements

Participants on the final program are limited to:

- one presentation of a paper as presenting author whether in a paper session or pre-organized paper session
- one placement on a roundtable;
- one (or two max) placement(s) as a discussant of a paper presentation session;
- one placement in a poster session

If you have more than one appearance in one of the categories in this paragraph, in fairness to everyone, we will ask you to withdraw the additional appearance(s) prior to the scheduling of sessions.

Important Information for Students

If you are a master's or doctoral student, you may submit an abstract for a paper or poster presentation based on research undertaken in collaboration with a faculty member. Students may also submit abstracts for papers or posters based on the *results* of independent research from their dissertation or thesis. The abstract submission system will require you to certify that either or both of these conditions are met, and you will be asked to include the name and e-mail address of your advisor or dissertation supervisor with your submission so that track chairs can confirm this information. In submitting a paper to the conference, your advisor or dissertation supervisor certifies that your research is ready for presentation at a national conference.

Student submissions are evaluated using the same criteria as all other submissions.

Abstract submissions for general purpose papers or for work done in preparation for qualifying exams will be rejected and as a reminder, there are no abstract submission fee refunds.

Final Papers & Presentations

You will be required to submit a final paper to both your session discussant and conference organizers (submission date to be announced). Final papers are

required for those presenting in a paper session or pre-organized session, but not for posters or roundtables.

Having made the submission deadline, the names of authors and title of their presentation will be highlighted in the program/conference app as having a paper available on request for attendees. Conference attendees often use this information to judge the quality of a session they are considering attending.

Discussants are not required to provide comments on presentations for which final papers were not submitted.

- You will not be allowed to change the content of an abstract after it has been submitted.
- Over the course of the summer, you may make minor modifications to the title of the final paper.
- You may not substitute different research if the original research is not complete. Please notify conference organizers that you must withdraw as soon as you know this is necessary.
- Submitted final papers are not considered "published" when submitted to conference. Colleagues interested in your paper will be instructed to contact you directly.

Discussants

Track chairs will invite and do their best to confirm discussants for all paper sessions. We welcome volunteers and suggestions for discussants proffered by authors and pre-organized session leaders. If you are interested in acting as discussant or have a suggestion or nomination, please complete the discussant volunteer form and include your specializations. Discussants may serve two sessions if invited to do so.

Scheduling Requests

ACSP recognizes ONLY religious holidays as valid reasons for scheduling requests. Once the schedule is created, authors who cannot present during their scheduled time must withdraw their paper from the program. We strongly recommend you not make travel reservations until you know your presentation schedule which should be available in July.

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- The Book of Accepted Abstracts will be posted at the ACSP website, so it is important that references are complete, all names are spelled correctly, and the text is proofread thoroughly.
- We will not edit your submission after publication and there will not be an opportunity for you to edit your work after the abstract submission deadline.

Questions
- **Program questions** should be addressed to: Gerardo F. Sandoval, ACSP National Conference Chair, gsando@uoregon.edu
- **Abstract submission** procedure and payment questions should be addressed to: abstracts@acsp.org.

Tracks

- Track 1 – Analytical Methods, Technology and Society
- Track 2 - Community Development
- Track 3 - Economic Development
- Track 4 - Environmental Planning & Resource Management
- Track 5 - Gender and Diversity In Planning
- Track 6 - Housing
- Track 7 - International Development Planning
- Track 8 - Land Use Policy and Governance
- Track 9 - Food Systems, Community Health, Safety
- Track 10 - Planning Education and Pedagogy
- Track 11 - Planning History
- Track 12 - Planning Process, Administration, Law and Dispute Resolution
- Track 13 - Planning Theory
- Track 14 - Regional Planning
- Track 15 - Transportation & Infrastructure Planning
- Track 16 - Urban Design

Track descriptions and track chair contact information can be found on this page: https://www.acsp.org/page/ConfTracks