

Forthcoming Conferences and Events

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LISTINGS, BOOKS and EVENTS

International Development Research Centre

Masters Program in Environmental Advocacy and Organizing

A new Masters program in Environmental Advocacy and Organizing offering political and social action training for environmental protection, corporate accountability, and social and environmental justice.

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12th International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. July 27-31, 2002

Call for Papers: Gender and Science & Engineering: Perspectives from Women's Studies
The general theme of the conference is "Women in a knowledge-based society" and will be of interest to scholars from Women's Studies, the Humanities and the Social Sciences.

Conference web: <http://www.icwes12.org> Email: Ruby Heap: rheap@uottawa.ca

XXX IAHS World Congress on Housing

Housing Construction: An Interdisciplinary Task

9-12 September 2002, Coimbra - Portugal

Housing Science has a multi-disciplinary as well as an interdisciplinary nature. It relates to every aspect of human and physical sciences. The planned conference, the 30th IAHS World Conference, will emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of the Human Habitat.

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17th Conference of the International Association for People-Environment Studies (IAPS)
Culture, Quality of Life and Globalization - Problems and Challenges for the New Millennium.
University of Corunna, (A Coruna, Spain) 23-27 July 2002

Contact: Email: iaps2002@udc.es Web: www.udc.es/dep/ps
Environmental Justice and Global Citizenship, Copenhagen, Denmark
14th February 2002 - Saturday 16th February 2002

Call for Papers

This inter and multi-disciplinary conference project aims to explore the role of ecology and environmental ideas in the context of contemporary society and international politics, and assess the implications for our understandings of fairness, justice and global citizenship. Will be of interest to those involved in city and regional planning, conflict resolution and mediation, environmental studies, human development and ecology, philosophy and ethics, political science and international affairs, urban studies, and in project development, policy-making and implementation.

Contact: Dr Rob Fisher at rf@inter-disciplinary.net
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International Symposium, 5-7 November 2001. Bangkok. THAILAND

To explore issues related to metropolitan sustainability in South East Asian cities. By 2030 it is estimated that half of the world's urban dwellers will live in South East Asian cities. "Achieving Sustainable Cities in South East Asia" will focus on potential solutions to securing sustainable urban growth and on issues such as: how to limit the financial disparity between urban and rural areas, curbing the exploitation of privately owned sites, and providing more efficient transport services. The symposium will bring together representatives of the local and regional government, as well as the development industry.

Details: <http://www.aecasia.com/Symposium/index.htm>

BOOKS

ROUGH GUIDE TO SUSTAINABILITY

Brian Edwards with Paul Hyett, RIBA Publications, London 2001 pp.113 PB £12

Written as a student primer but equally useful for architects and others concerned with the key environmental issues of the 21st century. Starting with basic concept and definition of sustainability, major global agreements and the 3Es: energy, environment and ecology, the book covers various methods of assessment, practical design and construction, life cycle evaluation

and management and concludes with a number of real examples to illustrate practical applications. Discrepancies in consumption and pollution between different countries are still startling: the average CO₂ emissions per person per year in USA are 6 tonnes compared to 3 in Europe and 0.25 tonnes in India. (AM)

PARADIGMS OF INDIAN ARCHITECTURE: Space and Time in Representation and Design. GHR Tillotson ed., Curzon Press, UK. 1998 pp.199 PB £12.99

The book is a collection of essays by leading art and architectural historians examining different interpretations of India's art and architecture. The subjects cover: *Past and Present: towards an aesthetic of colonialism; Painting and Understanding Mughal Architecture; India's Visual Narrative: the dominance of space over time; and Spatial Organisation and Aesthetic Expression in the Traditional Architecture of Rajasthan.* The final essay - *A Tale of Two Cities: house and town in India today* by Sunand Parasad, a practicing architect, provides an interesting comparison between the two paradigms: the shaded *galis, bazaars chowks, mohallas, havelis* and courtyards of Old Delhi against the often sterile *colonies, villas, banglas* and traffic of the modern suburbs. The book will be valuable to both the students and scholars of Indian history of art and architecture. (AM)

TROPICAL ARCHITECTURE: Critical Regionalism in the Age of Globalisation. Alexander Tzonis, Liane Lefaivre and Bruno Stagno, eds. Wiley-Academy, London. 2001 £24.95

The book is a collection of essays from the Symposium held in Costa Rica in 1998. There are contributions by theorists, historians as well as architects Ken Yeang, Tay Soon, Sevriano Porto and Stagno, the organiser of the Symposium. Was it Kenneth Frampton who coined the term 'critical regionalism' or, as is claimed here, Tzonis and Lefaivre, the other two editors of the book? A valuable contribution to the subject. (AM)

Culture & Space in the Home Environment

S. Mete Ünügür, Orhan Hacıhasanoğlu, Hülya Turgut Eds. 1997
ISBN 975-7632-50-3, US\$ 15

Outcome of academic research in housing design by the Faculty of Architecture at Istanbul Technical University, the chapters in book show that house and home may or may not overlap, just as family and household may or may not be synonymous. In principle, home is attributed meanings and values by each individual according to number implicit societal, cultural and human dimensions that may vary over time. The work also examines housing and home in one region of the world that has been at the crossroad of different civilisations for centuries.

Culture & Space in the Home Environment: critical evaluation and new paradigms.

Proceeding of the First International Symposium of IAPS-CSBE Network, 2000 ISBN 975-93779-0-X, US\$ 20

Proceedings of the first international symposium held in June 1997 focussing on culture-specific issues of the home environment. The four-day symposium covered a number of themes including theories, methods and concepts, cross-cultural studies, meaning and use of home and neighbourhood, identity, traditional environments and quality of residential areas.

Cultural & Spatial Diversity in the Urban Environment

Hülya Turgut & Peter Kellett Eds. 2001. ISBN 975-8599-04-6, US\$ 20

Outcome of the international academic research presented in the workshop organised under the umbrella of IAPS 16: *Metropolis 21st Century: Cities, Social Life & Sustainable Development* held in Paris in July 2000. The purpose of the workshop was to open up a discussion about the socio-cultural and spatial diversity and complexity, based on selected theoretical and applied research and case studies in various scales of urban environment. The papers in this book cover a wide range of pertinent issues from different continents and countries: Turkey, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Brazil and South Africa.

To order the above three books, visit IAPS WEBPAGE or contact:

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AROUND THEWORLD

Living and working with a city's slums www.careindia.org/urban/plus.html

According to the Census of India, in 15 years New Delhi will be home to more than 8 million residents who will live in "sub-standard settlements without adequate basic facilities and a safe environment". These residents have consistently been marginalised in cities without being recognised as major contributors to urban growth and survival. On OneWorld South Asia, this briefing outlines CARE India's five-year project to develop, test and demonstrate an approach to urban development that results in the improvement in the quality of life of slum residents and the rest of the city as well.

From CARE India, 01 September

The global view www.globalissues.org/TradeRelated/

Global Issues looks at some of the misconceptions and unfairness in the current model of global trade, economics and corporate-led globalisation and how it impacts on people around the world, especially the developing nations. From Global Issues, 31 August

Measuring a city's impact zone

www.globalissues.org/EnvIssues/Population.Stree.asp

"The first sweetened cup of hot tea to be drunk by an English worker was a significant historical event, because it prefigured the transformation of an entire society, a total remaking of its economic and social basis." A look at population and consumption.

From Global Issues , 30 August

A Primer on Global Warming

www.enn.com/index www.enn.com/indepth/warming/impact4.asp

This special report includes a series of articles describing the symptoms of global warming, its impact on different parts of the world and its environment, and ways to reduce the human activity responsible. Environmental News Network , 06 August

Emergence of the 'experience economy'

www.gn.apc.org/resurgence//issues/rifkin207.htm

The richest fifth of the world's population now spends almost as much of its income accessing cultural experiences as on buying manufactured goods and basic service. This is the transition into what economists have called an "experience economy" - a world in which each person's own life becomes, in effect, a commercial market

From Resurgence , 29 August

Australia to harness power of Antarctic winds

www.ens.lycos.com/ens/aug2001/2001L-08-22-04.html

Australia is embarking on an ambitious US\$2.3 million scheme to harness the power of Antarctic gales to fuel full-scale electricity generation. Environment News Service, 29 August

Changing climates - the future

<http://www.oneworld.net/tve/earthreport/archive/04Jun2001.html>

A look at some of the new technologies that generate power from clean and renewable sources, from the Hands On site. From Television Trust for the Env. 09 August

Tapping technology to break the poverty trap

http://www.idrc.ca/media/SpecialPresentations_e.html

"Technological advance has been the underpinning of the incredible quality of material well-being that we have in the rich world," says world-renowned economist Jeffrey Sachs. "And I believe that similar investments in science and technology could make similar contributions for the poor if their problems were addressed." A leading thinker on development, Sachs explains how to use technology to break the poverty trap.

OneWorld Cities Monthly Newsletter

OneWorld, www.oneworld.net, brings together over 900 partner organisations working for human rights and sustainable development worldwide. Subscribe directly by sending an email to: majordomo@oneworld.net with the following text in the body of the message: subscribe newsletter_cities

Energy-efficient buildings in India

www.teriin.org/pub/books/eebuild.htm

Accelerated urbanisation imposes immense pressure on the dwindling energy sources and fragile ecosystems. Covering 41 projects from India's various climatic zones, this book provides thorough insights into the context, techniques, and benefits of energy-efficient buildings. The projects highlight design responses to varied climatic conditions, appropriate materials and construction methods, implementation of energy-efficient systems, and effective utilization of renewable energy.

Putting the brakes on urban sprawl

<http://www.worldwatch.org/alerts/010628.html>

If governments do not act quickly to discourage the design of car-reliant cities, efforts to control global warming will become much more difficult, according to a new study by the Worldwatch Institute. From Worldwatch Institute , 27 July

Daycare Changes Lives in Bangladesh

<http://www.changemakers.net/journal/01july/index.cfm>

Children in Bangladesh's crowded cities are typically left to fend for themselves at home, in city slums, while their parents work. Their schooling suffers, and so does their nutrition. This is the story of a factory-based daycare program that changed the lives of working mothers and their children. From Changemakers.net (Ashoka) , 24 July

2001: Building for Space Travel, Chicago. Open until 21 October, the exhibition explores the evolution and visions of architecture and design for space travel, looking back as well as at ideas for the future based on contributions from architects, engineers, and industrial and graphic designers to space exploration.

The Art Institute of Chicago: <http://www.artic.edu>

ART NEWS

EGOFUGAL: FUGUE FROM EGO FOR THE NEXT EMERGENCE: The 7th International Biennial of Art in Istanbul

Istanbul Biennial, 21 September – 17 November 2001. Istanbul, Turkey

The 7th Biennial, organised by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts, is curated by Yuko Hasegawa under the title EGOFUGAL: Fugue from Ego for the Next Emergence and will host 63 artists. The Biennial will mainly be realized in four historical venues: the Imperial Mint, Hagia Eirene Museum, Yerebatan Cistern, all located in the heart of the old city and the Beylerbeyi Palace, on the Asian side of Istanbul. There will be a number of satellite venues in different districts throughout the city.

FNB VITA ART PRIZE EXHIBITION: Commissioned works by Moshekwa Langa, Kin Liberman, Robin Rhode, Kathryn Smith, Cive Ve Van Den Berg and Jan Van Der Merwe. NSA Gallery, Durban, ZA South Africa.

The FNB Vita Art Prize was launched in Johannesburg some four years ago. The founding principles for this visual art prize are to promote contemporary art in South Africa and to provoke interest and debate around new artistic developments. The selection of the commissioned artists includes input by the general public who can nominate artists they think deserve recognition and a panel of visual art experts who make the final decision re who to commission. The selected artists must have exhibited work during the past year. The panel includes Nathi Khanyile, Pat Mautloa, Willem Boshoff, Virginia MacKenny and Natasha Fuller.

SHIRANA SHAHBAZI: Goftare Nik (Good Conversation)

Photographer's Gallery, London, UK

Shirana Shahbazi's stunning installation Goftare Nik (Good Words)¹ explores the physical landscape and human faces of contemporary Iran, through a combination of colour photography and large-scale painting. What little photography there is, in Iran, has tended to be dominated by black-and-white reportage. Shirana Shahbazi's images are, by contrast, sweetly coloured, emotionally detached, and do not appear to tell an immediately obvious story. Her photography marries a Germanic-style cool observation, to pictorial traditions as diverse as propaganda painting and ancient Persian miniatures.

POINTS OF DEPARTURE: Traditional and Contemporary Asian Art
Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI USA

Explores how traditional Asian thoughts, beliefs and artistic practices are interpreted in the works of contemporary artists of Asian descent.

Further information on all the above art events: <http://www.absolutearts.com>

**INFORMATION SOURCES:
ADDRESSES AND WEBSITES**

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CONFERENCE REPORT

TRADITIONAL ENVIRONMENTS IN A NEW MILLENIUM:**Defining Principles and Professional Practice,****20- 21 June 2001, Amasya, Turkey****Hülya Turgut and Peter Kellett**

The second international symposium of IAPS-CSBE 'Culture and Space in the Built Environment' Network, took place in June 2001 in Amasya, Turkey. It was jointly organised by the Governor's office and Municipality of Amasya with the ITU Faculty of Architecture in Istanbul. The aim of the symposium was to explore a range of conceptual and practical issues related to traditional environments and to establish a new database on the culture specific aspects of such environments. This was achieved by bringing together 93 participants from 15 different countries representing numerous cultures and disciplines including architecture, urban design, planning, environmental psychology, sociology and anthropology. The main themes of the symposium were the following:

- Theories, Concepts and Methods in Culture-Space Studies of Traditional Settlements,
- Field Studies and Projects in Traditional Settlements: Implementing Conservation and Revitalization,
- Adaptability, Continuity and Change of Traditional Settlements,
- Issues of Changing Residential Identities: Regional Trends and Global Change.

During the symposium we debated issues of change and development of traditional environments and analysed processes for the protection and revitalization of historical and cultural values within in a multidisciplinary framework. Key questions included: How do we define traditional dwellings and settlements? How, in the new millennium, do we preserve them? How do we study them as an interdisciplinary subject and to what end? What are the continuity and development trends within traditional environments?.

The symposium was innovative in two respects. Firstly it was held in a place famous for the richness of its traditional environment. Amasya is a small provincial city and is one of the best examples in Anatolia of a historic city that has managed to protect its unique identity and structure. In spite of rapid urbanization, due to its limited but dramatic topography it has been

able to resist the confusing metamorphosis common in other parts of Turkey. The symposium provided the opportunity to directly experience a historic conservation place and to be involved with local residents of a traditional environment. Secondly the symposium was organized jointly by the Governor's office and Municipality of Amasya with the ITU-Faculty of Architecture. This combination of an academic institution and the local and regional authorities facilitated interaction and engagement with the local context. To this end visits and trips were organized to learn from the local people and environment, and a competition, exhibitions and a design workshop focusing on Amasya ran in parallel with the conference. The debates and discussions continued during a specially organised post-conference study visit to traditional settlements and historic cities of eastern Turkey, including Urfa, Mardin and Diyarbakir.

The scientific board consisted of N. Akin, W. Bechhoefer, C. Correa, N. Z. Gülersoy, P. Kellett, R. Lawrence, P. Oliver, A. Rapoport, H. Turgut, M. Ünügür and F. Yürekli. The advisory board was H. Poroy (Governor of Amasya) , H. Bas (Mayor of Amasya), H. Sener, O. Ekinci, S. Özkan, D. Hasol. The invited speakers include David Uzzell, Roderick Lawrence, Amos Rapoport, Paul Oliver, William Bechhoefer, Oktay Ekinci, Metin Sözen, Sidney Brower, Pattabi Raman, Romi Khosla, Adli Quidsi, Shaida Tougan, Amir Pasiç and Atilla Yücel. All the presented papers are presently under revision and will be published soon as a book of the Symposium Proceedings.

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