

Call for Papers

MISBE2011 Workshop in association with AESOP
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Workshop: Innovations in (Strategic) Urban Planning

Planning researchers and practitioners share a common quest to explore and develop the knowledge and instruments necessary for the realization of sustainable urban areas. Planning for sustainable urban areas – our general theme – therefore implies experimentation as well as the careful evaluation of (strategic) planning and design efforts. This workshop aims to discuss such efforts. You are cordially invited to contribute to the workshop by submitting a written paper and/or providing a (poster) presentation. Everyone is also very welcome to contribute to the workshop discussions during the MISBE2011 conference. The workshop is divided into three topics.

Topic 1: Sustainable Urban-Rural Relationships

The expansion of cities into the landscape has been a persistent and sometimes dramatic feature of the changing world in which we live. Due to this continuing expansion, the concepts of city and countryside have evolved and the relationships between urban and rural areas have changed fundamentally. These fundamental changes raise questions for both scientific research and policy making aiming for sustainable urban areas. They call for rethinking the actual urban-rural patterns that have evolved over the years, and for taking a different planning approach towards these ‘hybrid’ developments in order to make them (more) sustainable. Papers may address issues operating at different levels of scale, but also on the relationship between planning and both urban and rural land markets.

Topic 2: Learning in Urban Planning Processes

Urban planning processes are knowledge-intensive endeavors. The development of sustainable urban areas brings together a diversity of specialized and practical knowledge, and involves a good deal of knowledge creation through studying, discussing, and (re)defining the planning assignment in a particular area. Yet, the ‘learning’ in urban planning processes often stays implicit, alienating those outside of the process from the planning decisions and actions taken by those more closely involved. This does not only include learning in the process of plan making, but clearly also to learning beyond the plan: during its implementation and adaptation to unforeseen circumstances and opportunities. Again, papers on planning processes on all levels of scale – or on the interaction between these levels – are very welcome.

Topic 3: Spatial Planners and Sustainable Urban Development

Sustainable solutions to urban development problems are hard to realize. Once the substantive solution to a particular development problem is defined, those involved usually have to overcome many hurdles to realize it. Different formal and informal institutional barriers have to be changed or evaded, and many actors have to allow for experimentation and uncertainties. This topic focuses on the role planners can or should play in sustainable urban development. What can planners do to increase the chance for sustainable solutions to urban problems and stimulate other actors to help realize them? All experiences with regard to the role of spatial planners in sustainable urban development are welcome. Examples of collaborative initiatives between the public and private sphere are of special interest.

This workshop will be profoundly interdisciplinary in nature. We seek to engage researchers and practitioners from various fields related to the planning, design, and construction of the built environment. Our aim is maximum interaction by combining short, to the point presentations with a lot of discussion and debate.

The workshop will give a platform to a maximum of three high-quality papers per topic (nine total). Authors of the other papers will be invited to present the main issues arising from their papers in 5 minute poster presentations or during discussions.

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