



CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Title: 6th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (CURP) - 2022

Theme: THE CITY AND THE POOR

Date: 18th-19th November, 2022

Venue: City Campus, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan

Conference Language: English

Hosted By: Department of Architecture & Planning, NED University

Web Links: <https://curp.neduet.edu.pk>

BACKGROUND

The Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University has organized eleven seminars on urban and regional planning successively from 2004 to 2016. This series of seminar has been able to provide a platform to architects, planners, academia, industry and researchers to share their scholarly research on emerging issues, evolving concepts and new body of knowledge in the field of urban and regional planning. These seminars focused on broad issues of education, practice, learning from experiences; planning and managing urban change; planning in a globalizing world; interface of planning with the market economy; urbanization and secondary cities; dynamics of land in planning; housing for all; planning for people; and planning and institutional arrangements. Research scholars and experts from various countries presented their papers, which were later on published as eight separate volumes of seminar proceedings - distributed free of cost to the concerned individuals, institutions and academic links.

Since year 2017, the scope of these Seminar was upgraded to two days International Conference. This enhancement in scale of seminar has proven to be a stimulating junction for scholarly debates, discussions, networking and partnerships for future research activities. Till date the department of Architecture and Planning has hosted five International Conferences of Urban and Regional Planning (CURP) addressing the following themes.

The 6th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (CURP 2022) is scheduled to be held in Karachi, Pakistan on 18th -19th November 2022 focusing on the theme of 'The City and the Poor.' This Call for Papers invites urban planners, architects, government officials, academics and all allied professionals to share their knowledge and researches befitting to the theme of this conference for the benefit of public, professionals and students in related fields.

CONFERENCE THEME

Cities, as large and complex human settlements are observed to be reservoirs of opportunities for economic well-being, human and social development. The city and its centripetal attraction for folks from the hinterland are due to its economic, social and cultural features. Alternatively natural disasters, loss of livelihoods, conflicts and related factors push the vulnerable to move to cities for the sake of survival. The rapid urbanization as unprecedented growth of cities poses several challenges and repercussions. This leads to delve into several questions:

Are cities meant to be socially, culturally, economically, politically, geographically, environmentally equitable and inclusive for all? Are cities capable of serving proportionately to their growth? Besides migration, what are other variables perpetuating urban stresses?

Intensive unplanned urban sprawl leads to worst forms of poverty, with local governments unable to provide services for all people. Scale and depth of poverty underpins several issues faced by predominantly poor population. High rental costs compel urban poor to choose peripheral locations to acquire land they can afford. The incremental construction of houses, using low cost building materials is challenged to be climatically responsive, functionally adequate, low cost as well as durable. Acquiring lease and regularization from government is another complicated procedure to be followed. Being distant from city center adds to transportation cost. Absence of financial and technical support in planning and services leads to poor quality and overcrowded houses. Poor provision for sanitation, drainage and solid waste collection is yet another challenge. Lack of safe and readily available water supply forces people to rely on water vendors who charge much higher as compared to cost of piped water connections. Affording healthcare for children or keeping them at school is another unaffordable expense for the poor.

Challenges for the urban poor are multiplying fast. Near complete denial to housing and shelter opportunities, absence of possibilities for livelihood and employment in formal sector, limited access to health care and education, constrained possibilities of obtaining domiciles and

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- 5th CURP- Perspectives on Pandemic - Impact on Urban Pedagogies, Research and Practice

A sizable number of International and national experts deliberated at length on key matters related to above stated themes. Few selected papers from the conference were published in the Department's peer reviewed biannual publication the 'Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning'. Links to the journal can be found on the department's webpage i.e. <https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk>

citizenship are some mentions. Access to justice and administrative response are commonly viewed challenges to urban poor. There is a felt need to deliberate, analyses and evolve compatible solutions to these chronic social and economic ailments impacting developing countries.

The theme of the conference 'The City and the Poor' draws attention to deliberate on the issues of urban poverty, housing and tenure security, financial and technological assistance in low cost house construction, generally across the globe, and particularly in Pakistan. Following are the sub themes for the Conference:

- Urban poverty and survival
- Empowering the urban poor
- Urban epoch; living disproportionately in cities
- Socio-spatial exclusion
- Prevalence and ramifications of evictions
- Urban sustainability; inclusive and socially equitable cities
- Administrative reforms in the city of the poor
- Urban governance, capacity and institutional development
- Civil Society's rganizations and the Uban poor
- Microfinancing in low cost housing
- Design efficiencies and technological advancements in low cost Housingh

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of CURP 2022 are as follows:

1. To provide scholars from different countries an opportunity to come together for an exchange of views, ideas, and information regarding what is being done in their respective countries towards the extension, improvement, and refinement of historical knowledge related to the national and regional needs particularly with reference to the conference theme: "The City and the Poor".
2. To find ways and means for collaboration and networking among academics and international scholars for fruitful information sharing.
3. To provide a platform for sharing recent researches with a particular focus on global south.

PARTICIPANTS

The conference is open to all academia, educators, civil society, media professionals, industry practitioners and research scholars/ students extending their contributions corresponding to the main scope and theme of the conference.

A wide attendance from national and international participants is expected at the conference, including paper presenters, panelists, university students and experts from the field. We invite you all to join hands with us and be a substantial part of the conference.

FUNDING

All national and international paper presenters will be provided accommodation and local hospitality during their stay in Karachi for the conference. Financial support for travel of paper presenters is subject to the approval of funding proposal/s submitted to various organizations.

REQUIREMENTS

Scholars, practitioners and academics are invited to contribute research papers focusing on the theme.

1. The length of paper must not exceed 6000 words. Text should be typed and printed on A-4 sized sheets; submitted along with a soft copy as Microsoft Word Document.

2. Papers selected by the Scientific Committee for presentation will be considered for publication in Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning 2022-23 volume/s, therefore revised papers will be submitted online to JRAP with link https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/online_submission.html and will follow second phase of peer review after the conference. Contributors are requested to send their drafts complete in all respects, on or before the due date.

3. Abstract should not exceed 300 words and submitted by given deadline.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission dates: 13 May, 2022

Date of notification to the author: 27 May, 2022

Full paper deadline: 15 August, 2022

Reviewer comments and revised papers: 15 September, 2022

Conference Dates: 18-19th November, 2022

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ABSTRACT FORMAT

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Abstract 'containing a Central Theme/Idea' should be written in English within a range of some 250 to 300 words, consisting of no more than 5 key words, in relation with the given sub-themes. Please email your abstract for pre-approval from the Conference Scientific Committee.

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☒ Notes should be numbered consecutively. Each appendix and table should have separate set of notes.

☒ Papers containing less than two thousand (2000) words as well as those having corporate authors shall not be entertained.

☒ Papers must include: Abstract, Introduction, Central Theme of the research and Conclusion coupled with authentic primary and secondary sources.

☒ The Editor will have the right to edit/change the transliteration of historical names, titles and non- English terminology to bring them into conformity with the Journal's own style at publication stage.

☒ Interested authors should download and read the Instructions to Authors Manual (http://www.neduet.edu.pk/arch_planning/NED-JRAP/Referencing_System.html) for all details of requirements, procedures, paper mechanics, referencing style and technical review process for submitted papers.

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All the pages of the paper size should be A4 (21 x 29,7cm). The top and bottom margin should be 1", the left 1.5" and 1" for right margin. All the text must be in one column format and Times New Roman must be used, including figures and tables. Single-spaced with 12-point inter-lining spacing. Leave two blank lines before each section [Times New Roman, 12-point, Normal, Alignment Justify, Upper and Lower Case]

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