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### Forthcoming Meeting

#### W069 - Housing Sociology



## Conference: Ways of Residing in Trans-Disciplinary Focus

13-15 June 2008, Tallinn, Estonia

The International Conference "Ways of Residing in Trans-Disciplinary Focus" will take place at the Tallinn University of Technology (TUT) on 13-18 June 2008, as part of the official programme of jubilee events for the year 2008.

### Conference Theme

Urban residential scenes and cultures are rapidly transforming world-wide. We are witnessing processes of diversification and individualization simultaneously with homogenization and standardization of residences and neighbourhoods reflective of changing individual and collective ways of residing. We are observing the market demand for higher quality housing and search for increased personality in residence in parallel with continuous concerns about degrading or low-quality housing and the related strategies of design and social provision. We are becoming more conscious of symbolic aspects of the formation of residential identities consequential of the contributions of different involved actors. This modern dynamic of the field with its universal as well as specific societal, cultural and building characteristics calls for exploration and re-conceptualization of residential practices and

understandings of residential quality in view of ways they are created, experienced and sustained.

Hence, this conference aims at bringing the discussion on residence and residential futures into a trans-disciplinary as well as inter-disciplinary focus by highlighting the need for a more synergetic approach combining between:

- various theoretical perspectives,
- research experiences and practice from social and cultural studies,
- architectural design,
- civil engineering and facilities management,
- economics and urban and housing policies.

### Call for Papers

Participants are asked to submit abstracts on their conference papers of maximum 200 words by e-mail: [Sirje.Vilba@tv.ttu.ee](mailto:Sirje.Vilba@tv.ttu.ee) by 20 January 2008. Authors will be informed about the acceptance of papers by e-mail no later than 20 February 2008. Full papers are asked to be submitted electronically by 20 April 2008.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Programme Committee:

- Professor Katrin Paadam, Chair of Sociology, School of Economics, TUT
- Professor Sten Gromark, Chalmers Architecture, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden
- Professor Barry Hills, Urban and Regional Studies, University of Wales, UK
- Professor Roode Liias, Faculty of Civil Engineering, TUT

### Preliminary Conference Programme

*Thursday, 12 June 19.00*

- Registration and Welcome occasion

*Friday, 13 June 9.30-10.00*

- Registration
- 10.00 – 19.00*
- Opening, paper sessions all day long with lunch and coffee breaks

*Saturday, 14 June 9.30 – 18.00*

- Paper sessions and study tour with lunch and coffee breaks
- 20.00*
- Re-union dinner

*Sunday, 15 June 9.30 – 15.30*

- Paper sessions with lunch and coffee breaks
- Closing of the Conference

### Conference Venue



The conference is held at the main campus and School of Economics and Business Administration of the Tallinn University of Technology.

### Post-Conference Study-Tour to Kuressaare, Saaremaa, 15-17 June

We invite you also to a post-conference study-tour to a western island Saaremaa with a special focus on the recent developments in its central town Kuressaare with an outstanding medieval history and recent rapid growth of modern spa culture. We are guided by professionals of the municipality and other institutions. The bus-tour starts after the conference in the evening 15 June (at about 17.30) and we return to Tallinn in the morning 17 June (arrival in Tallinn at 14.00 at the latest). Light dinner is provided at the arrival to Kuressaare 15 June and dinner in the evening 16 June.

### Accommodation

Preliminary bookings have been arranged for special rates (70 euros per night): from 12 – 16 June at Reval Hotel Central (easy access to public city transport and at a walking distance from the harbour area) in the centre of Tallinn ([www.revalhotels.com](http://www.revalhotels.com)) and for the stay in Kuressaare, Saaremaa at the recently opened Johan Spa Hotel ([www.saaremaa.ee/johan](http://www.saaremaa.ee/johan)) from 15 – 17 June. A limited number of additional bookings is also available at Hotel Central in Tallinn for 17-18 June.

### Registration and Payment

Please let us know about your interest in participation at the conference together with indications of your institutional affiliation, contact and abstract of paper as well as at post-conference study-tour by 20 January 2008 at the latest on the following address: [Sirje.Vilba@tv.ttu.ee](mailto:Sirje.Vilba@tv.ttu.ee).

The conference fee, including coffee/tea, three lunches, re-union dinner, conference materials and study tours in Tallinn is 150 euros; the post-conference study-tour, including a light meal, dinner, group transport (bus and boat) is 100 euros. Accommodation is paid individually.

You are informed about arrangements on payments concerning the conference fee and hotels as well as other practicalities after we have received your indication of participation in February 2008.

### Additional Information

For information about the conference please visit the designated website at [www.ttu.ee](http://www.ttu.ee) or contact:

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