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Forthcoming Meeting

W069 - Housing Sociology

International Conference: Ways of Residing in Trans-Disciplinary Focus



Tallinn, Estonia, 13-15 June 2008

CIB W069 Conference "Ways of Residing in Trans-Disciplinary Focus" will be held at the Tallinn University of Technology (TUT) on 13-15 June 2008 in Estonia and is part of the programme of the universities' 90th anniversary events.

Background

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 dynamics 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.

Conference Themes

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, including:

- 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 by 1 March 2008. Authors will be responded on the acceptance of papers by e-mail no later than 15 March 2008. Full papers are asked to be submitted electronically by 30 April 2008.

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

There will be 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. The tour will be guided by professionals of the municipality and other institutions.

Costs and Registration

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.

Registration is required by March 1st, using the Conference Registration Form that can be downloaded [here](#).

Conference Brochure

For more detailed information about the conference programme please download the brochure [here](#).

Additional Information

A conference brochure can be downloaded [here](#). It gives information about the Preliminary Conference Programme, the Post-conference Study Tour, Accommodation, Registration and Payment.

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