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### Forthcoming Meeting W069 - Housing Sociology

## 25th Conference on Residential Heritage and Modern Life Quality



**9-13 October 2009, Sofia, Bulgaria**

The Organisers welcome everyone in Sofia for the Annual Conference of W069 in 2009, which is 21 years after our previous W069 meeting here in 'Santo Kiriko'.

### Background

Europe is famous for its old urban residential culture. All over the continent efforts are made to keep the legacy of civilisation vital in historical symbols. This is to preserve the regional and local identities of communities as they are reflected in architecture. Houses – residential buildings – have been the most vulnerable objects of architecture at all ages, albeit the most abundant in evidences of cultural identities. The main interest of this conference is to discuss how this heritage, originating from more distant as well as recent times, is included and adapted to modern life. It will put a particular focus on the sensitivity of urban policies towards sustainable practices, which secures the continuous presence of history in contemporary life unfolding future prospects.

The conference aims at cross-pointing different times with ways of residing, proving our contemporary values and modern wishes to respect culture, diversity and social well-being. It also welcomes any possible trans-disciplinary approaches or specific disciplinary considerations of the subject, bridging the research interests of sociology, architecture, economics, art history, research in politics and policies.

### Time Schedule

Participants are asked to send the title of their paper by 15 May and submit abstracts of 200 words maximum by e-mail to Iskra Dandolo, [idandolo@hotmail.com](mailto:idandolo@hotmail.com), by 30 May 2009 on the registration form.

Full papers must be submitted electronically by 30 June 2009. Please, follow a few guidelines for submitting your paper: maximum length 30000 characters including blanks, no more than 15 pages including photos, figures, diagrams, tables etc; use

Times New Roman, double-spaced, font 12. The papers will be published in CIB series.

The papers will be published through CIB. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Programme Committee consisting of:

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### Conference Venue

The conference will be at the Union of Bulgarian Architects, 11, Krakra Street, Sofia 1504

### Additional Information

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### Brochure and Registration Form

For the leaflet with conference details see [here](#) and to register download the respective form [here](#).