CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Title: International Conference of Urban and Regional Planning 2017  
Theme: Urban Resilience  
Date: March 24th and 25th 2017  
Venue: NED City Campus, Karachi, Pakistan  
Official Conference Language: English  
Hosting Organization: NED University of engineering and technology, Karachi, Pakistan.  
Link: www.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. These seminars addressed and 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.

International and national experts deliberated at length on key matters related to these themes. Contributions in the form of peer reviewed papers made the intellectual substance of these formidable events; published as eight separate volumes of seminar proceedings - distributed free of cost to the concerned individuals, institutions and academic links.

This year it is being organized as an international conference and the presented papers will be published in the peer reviewed journal.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 1st International Conference of Urban and Regional Planning (CURP 2017) is scheduled to be held in Karachi, Pakistan in March 2017.

The theme of the conference this year is ‘Urban Resilience and Adaptation'. It provides a unique but important standpoint for reviewing the various planning approaches and contributions made so far with reference to impact on ordinary citizen and other target groups. It also invites professionals, academics and researchers to outline the need for evolving fresh perspectives in planning for the benefit of people.

The URP Conference 2017 is an attempt to decipher the changing patterns of urban resilience and to understand the multiple approaches of survival, adaptation and growth.
CONFERENCE THEMES
The main focus of the conference is based on **Urban Resilience and Adaptation**. The scope of the conference would possibly be centered on the following themes:

- Urban Planning
- Governance
- Climate change
- Disasters
- Informality
- Infrastructure and Environment
- Leadership and strategies
- Urban Security

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of CURP 2017 are as follows:
1. To provide scholars in different countries an opportunity to come together for an exchange of views, ideas, and information regarding what was being done in their respective countries towards the extension, improvement, and refinement of historical knowledge related to the national and regional needs of Asian peoples particularly with reference to the conference theme: **Urban Resilience and Adaptation**

2. To find ways and means through collaboration and networking among academics and international scholars for fruitful information.

3. The conference will also strengthen the networking between Educational Institutions, Government Agencies, Non-Governmental organizations (NGOs), Media and other related institutions.

PARTICIPANTS
The conference is open to all academia, educators, civil society, media professionals, industry practitioners and the PhD candidates extending their contributions corresponding to the main scope and themes of the conference.

Researchers, local and international students of higher education are also encouraged to avail the opportunity. It is estimated that 300 national and international participants will be attending the conference apart from the presenters, panelists and experts. We invite you all to join hands with us and be a substantial part of the conference.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Abstract submission dates: **November 30, 2016**
Date of notification to the author: **December 5, 2016**
Full paper deadline: **February 15, 2017**

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**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:** Free online registration
FUNDING
Funding is available to host International delegates in Pakistan. The funding criterion is below:
• Keynote Speaker with extra ordinary expertise regarding the Urban Resilience
• 2 international best papers selected by the committee will be funded
• 2 national best papers selected by the committee will be funded
• Limited funding is available for presenters for travel and accommodation in Karachi

REQUIREMENTS
Scholars, practitioners and academics are invited to contribute research papers focusing on the above mentioned theme. 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. Papers selected by the scientific committee for presentation will be published in the peer reviewed journal, thus contributors are requested to send their drafts complete in all respects, on or before the due date. Abstract should not exceed 200 words and submitted by given deadline.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTRIBUTORS

ABSTRACT FORMAT
[Times New Roman 10-point, Bold, Centered and Upper and Lower Case]
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 relations with the given sub-themes. Please email them for approval from the Conference Scientific Committee.

PAPER MAIN TITLE
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PAPER FORMAT
- Paper should be the original and unpublished work of the author. Submission of an article will be taken to imply that it is not on offer to any other publisher.
- The first page of the article should contain the title of the article, the name of the author, and a footnote giving the current affiliation of the author, and comments, if any.
- Notes should be numbered consecutively. Each appendix and table should have separate set of notes.
- References should be given as footnotes and should include: (for books) authors’ name followed by the title of the book [in italic], place of publication, publisher, year of publication, page number.
- Papers containing less than two thousand (2000) words as well as those of 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 Institute’s own style.

SECTION: [Times New Roman, 12- point, Bold, Upper Case and Alignment Left]
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]

SUBSECTIONS: [Times New Roman, 10-point, Bold, Alignment Left and Capitalize the first letter]
The text included in the section or subsection must begin one line after the section or subsection title. Leave two blank lines (10 point) before the section title and one line before the subsection title.

FIGURES AND TABLES
Figures, tables and graphics should be Centered, Numbered and Accompanied by a Legend.

PAGE NUMBERS, HEADERS AND FOOTERS
Please avoid using Page Numbers, Headers and Footers.