

SUBTROPICAL CITIES 2011

Subtropical Urbanism: Beyond Climate Change

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The 3rd biennial Subtropical Cities conference is hosted by the Queensland University of Technology Centre for Subtropical Design and the Florida Atlantic University College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs.

The conference will address the following cross-cutting and interdisciplinary themes:

The future of subtropical cities in the urban age. As world population continues to shift predominantly to urban settlements the effects of climate change and social and economic transformations will be dramatic. Social and spatial pressures on subtropical cities will increase as migration towards urban areas in this climate zone present new challenges to maintain and improve quality of life, design, and the architecture of decision making for resilient cities.

In the post-Copenhagen/post GFC will market driven approaches to urban and regional planning remain relevant? What alternative approaches will ensure livability and economic resilience in subtropical cities?

Adaptation to climate change, mitigation of its effects, and planning for massive change due to inundation and increasing storm activity in coastal communities demands a multi-disciplinary approach to design. Where are the vulnerabilities and what are the effects?

Paper session topic areas:

Environment and Ecology
Social Economics
Cultural/Place Identity

Submissions in each of the following areas of education, research, and practice are welcomed:

Urbanization and urban development patterns: Mega-city | In-between city | Endless city | Restorative open space | Revitalization
Accessibility and connectivity within cities and regions.

Social Economics: Social, economic, and environmental impacts of rapid urbanization | Local production and agriculture in urban areas

Place/Identity: Development reality vs. ecological and social integrity | Local, regional, global place

Community Health and Well-being: High quality of life with low carbon footprint | Urban form supporting active and healthy citizens | Permeable urban form | Passive vs. active strategies for thermal comfort.

Rethinking resources and lifestyle in the subtropical city. Paradigm shift from fragile infrastructure to resilient systems
Infrastructure and new urban landscapes | Redefining comfort in the subtropics | Technological solutions, alternatives, and innovations | Best practices in design, urban infrastructure and building technology

Abstract submissions due Monday 9 August 2010.

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