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International Symposium

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IAPS-CSBE 'CULTURE&SPACE IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT NETWORK'
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REVITALISING BUILT ENVIRONMENTS: Requalifying Old Places for New Uses

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Theme

Significant investments of monetary resources and professional expertise during the last three decades in many countries have led to numerous projects and programmes concerning urban regeneration, housing renovation, and the revitalization of old neighborhoods. Some of these investments were resulted as unintended consequences whereas others have been considered successes. The common approach used in recent years has been based largely on quantifiable criteria related to the functional and physical performance of buildings, the financial return of monetary investments, and projections about demographic and economic trends; it has been rare to explicitly integrate the aspirations, preferences and values of local residents living in or adjacent to many projects. The key question today is how can future projects define a comprehensive programme of work if they continue to ignore the point of view of the local population? Instead of relying heavily on technical solutions by professionals, both quantitative and qualitative approaches are necessary which would involve a wide range of actors from the public and private sectors including citizens. The economic, functional and physical lifespan of buildings should be reconsidered in relation to the diversity of meanings, including the contested meanings of some projects which reflect the diverse values that different groups of the population attribute to the built environment before renovation works are defined. The two IAPS Networks that organize this symposium have accumulated much scientific knowledge which can be integrated with professional know-how in order to deal effectively with the challenge of requalifying the existing built environment. In contrast to terms such as urban regeneration, housing rehabilitation, upgrading and retrofit, the term requalifying is used as a verb to underline the multi-actor process, the multiple criteria and the meanings and values used during the reconfiguration of existing buildings and public spaces in urban areas in order to improve the quality of life of residents. Authors are invited to submit papers that consider key theoretical and methodological issues, post-occupancy evaluations, or present case studies that illustrate specific principles and methods as well as examples of best practice, in relation to: Residential buildings in the public and private sectors; Private industrial and commercial buildings; Public spaces and landmarks in urban and rural localities; Industrial sites, derelict lands (brown fields) and green spaces

In the structure of the symposium along with paper and poster presentations, there will be **special symposia sessions** organized by representatives from various organizations which were involved in revitalizing urban development initiatives including, the private sector, research centers, universities, official agencies, municipalities, NGO's, planning and architectural firms. The objective of this initiative is to understand the relationships between **new urban dynamics and the urban transformation projects** within the global restructuring process. This comparison will provide a framework for new applications on revitalizing built and urban environments.

Structure

This international symposium is organized to encourage the participation of scholars and practitioners from different disciplines and areas including architecture, urban design, planning, psychology, sociology, anthropology, and from a range of countries and cultures. Contributions will be accepted in the following categories:

Paper Presentations..... Posters..... Symposia

Publication

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