Sixteenth International Seminar on Urban Form Guangzhou, China, 4 - 7 September 2009

Conference Information

Registration

A registration fee of 210 GBP (reduced registration fee of 126 GBP for bona fide students and those who are retired) must be paid by 15 June 2009. The fee includes 2 years’ membership of ISUF (including free copies of the journal Urban Morphology), and conference lunches and dinners. There is a fee of 30 GBP for accompanying persons who wish to have conference meals. Payment must be made in GBP (pounds sterling) by one of two methods: (1) bank draft payable to ‘International Seminar on Urban Form’ and sent to Dr Michael Barke, ISUF Treasurer, Division of Geography, University of Northumbria, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8ST, UK (enclose name, title and postal address); (2) bank transfer to Barclays Bank plc, Haymarket, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8ST, UK (IBAN GB30BARC20594240479780), BIC(SWIFT) code BARCGB22 - when the bank transfer has been made, this should be confirmed by e-mail to michael.barke@unn.ac.uk giving name, title and postal address.

Accommodation

Conference accommodation is being provided in the Xihuyuan Hotel (3-star) on the campus of the South China University of Technology and the Ramada Plaza Hotel (5-star, 12 minutes shuttle-bus ride to the campus).

Name: The Xihuyuan Hotel (华工大宾馆)
Address: South China University of Technology, Wushan, Guangzhou (华南理工大学,五山,广州)
Tel: 0086 20 38673008
www.gzxihuhotel.net/index1e.asp

Name: The Ramada Plaza Hotel (铂尔曼酒店)
Address: No.313 Shougouling Road, Guangyuan East, Tianhe District, Guangzhou (313号, 广州大道东,天河区,广州)
Tel: 0086 20 87206888
E-mail: sales@ramadaplazagz.com

Hotel reservations must be made by those attending the conference. Conference participants who would like to book the Xihuyuan Hotel should email ISUF2009@scut.edu.cn. Conference participants who would like to book the Ramada Plaza should email sales@ramadaplazagz.com (please also indicate that you will participate in ISUF 2009 and quote the following reference number - 0902240030). A special rate for a regular double room is about RMB300 (including breakfast) at the Xihuyuan Hotel and RMB450 (including breakfast) at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. A shuttle bus will be available for transport between the campus and the Ramada Plaza Hotel. The Ramada Plaza Hotel also offers a free shuttle bus service to the commercial centre of the city.

The Ramada Plaza Hotel accepts Euro, US$, GBP for RMB exchange. Those booking into the Xihuyuan Hotel and intending to make a payment for an excursion booking at the Conference Registration Desk should obtain sufficient RMB on arrival at the airport.
Transport

The conference organizers will provide free transport from the airport to the conference venue (both the Xihuyuan Hotel and the Ramada Plaza Hotel) at 10.00, 12.00 and 14.00 on 4 September. The conference organizers will also provide free transport from the conference venue (both the Xihuyuan Hotel and the Ramada Plaza) to the airport at 12.00, 14.00 and 16.00 on 7 September, and, if required, at 09.00 on 8 September. Allow 1.5 hours for the journey from the conference venue to the airport.

Conference venue

Plenary and concurrent conference sessions will take place in the Liwu Building of Science and Technology on the campus. The Liwu Building is about 8 minutes walk from the Xihuyuan Hotel.

Excursion in Guangzhou

The Organizing Committee of ISUF 2009 will host an excursion in Guangzhou from 13.30 to 19.30 on 7 September (meeting at 13.30 in front of the Xihuyuan Hotel). The leader of the excursion will be Professor Yinsheng Tian of South China University of Technology. The excursion will include typical traditional and new urban environments. The excursion will take about 40 participants. It will be free, but participants should register for the excursion at the Conference Registration Desk on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that those taking part in the post-conference excursions in Beijing, Shanghai or Hong Kong will not have time to take part in the Guangzhou excursion.

Excursions in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong

The Organizing Committee of ISUF 2009 will host post-conference excursions in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Each excursion group will take 25 members on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Dr Kai Gu (excursions in Beijing and Shanghai) or Professor Beisi Jia (excursion in Hong Kong) for registration. Participants are required to pay their excursion fees when they arrive at the conference venue in Guangzhou on 4 September 2009. They should have with them sufficient Chinese currency (RMB). It should be obtained at the airport on arrival in China. Participants will need to organize travel to the recommended hotels themselves. Accommodation in Beijing and Shanghai will be reserved by the Conference organizers. Accommodation in Hong Kong must be reserved by participants.

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<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
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The leader of the excursion in Hong Kong will be Professor Beisi Jia, University of Hong Kong. The leader of the excursion in Shanghai will be Daisy Dai, Tongji University. The leader of the excursion in Beijing will be Professor Feng Song, Peking University.

Important travel advice

Many Chinese travel agents in European and North American cities provide cheap international airfares. They can also help to book domestic flights within China. Most taxi services and many restaurants in China do not accept credit cards so it is advisable to have some local currency (RMB) to hand. The cost of taxi service between the University and the airport is about 120RMB (20US$). Conference helpers will be available at Guangzhou International Airport, both hotels and at strategic points on the University campus.

Further information

Conference registration (in the foyer of the Xihuyuan Hotel, South China University of Technology) – opening hours:

13.00 – 17.00  4 September  
09.00 – 17.00  5 & 6 September  
09.00 – 16.30  7 September  
08.00 – 09.30  8 September

Conference help desk (at the foyer of the Ramada Plaza) – opening hours:

13.00 – 17.00  4 September  
08.00 – 12.00  5 & 6 September  
08.00 – 16.30  7 September  
08.00 – 09.30  8 September

Enquiries concerning the conference should be forwarded to Professor Yinsheng Tian, (E-mail: ISUF2009@scut.edu.cn Tel: 0086-20-22236922); or Dr Kai Gu, School of Architecture and Planning, University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland, New Zealand (E-mail: k.gu@auckland.ac.nz Tel: +64 9 3737599 ext. 83790).