Welcome by the President of South China University of Technology

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Call for Papers

The organizers and the Council of ISUF invite participation in the Conference by interested academics and professionals. Topics on which proposals are particularly welcome include: urban morphological theory; urban morphology, planning and design; urban morphology and architectural design; new developments in research on building typology; typological research, planning and design; cities in transition; cities in a global era; urban form in Asia; traditional urban form; urban heritage and change; geospatial technology in urban morphology. Proposals for papers should take the form of abstracts of papers, in either English or Chinese. They should be prepared in the following format: title of paper, author(s) name, affiliation, address, e-mail address, telephone number, keywords and 250-word abstract. They should be e-mailed to Professor Yinsheng Tian (ISUF2009@scut.edu.cn). More information is available on the ISUF website www.urbanform.org.
Guangzhou

The city of Guangzhou, with a population of some 10 million in 2007, is the third largest city in China. Capital of one of the most economically dynamic provinces in China, Guangzhou is located some 120 kilometres north west of Hong Kong. With over 2000 years of history, Guangzhou is an important commercial port and the southern gateway of China. Intensified economic activity and institutional restructuring since 1978 have led to remarkable changes in urban form. A number of excursions to traditional places and new developments in the city and the region will be featured during the course of the conference.
South China University of Technology

South China University of Technology (SCUT) was established in 1952. The campus occupies more than 200 hectares, with magnificent views of hills and lakes, and buildings of both traditional Chinese and modern styles. The School of Architecture has over 1000 students and 120 faculty members. An Urban Morphology Research Group has recently been established in the School.

Transportation

Guangzhou has a major international airport with direct flights linking major cities throughout the world, including Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Helsinki, San Francisco, Sydney, Dubai, Tokyo and Hong Kong. The conference organizers will provide free transport from the airport to the conference venue.

Accommodation

The conference sessions will take place in the new Liwu technology centre on the university campus. Two hotels, the Xihuyuan Hotel, almost adjacent to the conference centre, and a city hotel, on the edge of the university campus, have been reserved for conference participants.
About ISUF

ISUF (International Seminar on Urban Form) is the international organization of urban form researchers and practitioners. It was inaugurated in 1994, bringing together urban morphologists worldwide. It seeks to advance research and practice in fields concerned with the built environment. Its members are drawn from several disciplines, including architecture, geography, history, sociology and town planning. It promotes conferences, publishes a journal, Urban Morphology and provides an international framework for communication between members.

Enquiries concerning the conference should be forwarded to Professor Yinsheng Tian (e-mail: ISUF2009@scut.edu.cn), or Dr Kai Gu (e-mail: k.gu@auckland.ac.nz).

Study Tours

The rapid transformation of Chinese urban development has generated great opportunities and challenges for urban planning and design. Study tours of Beijing and Shanghai will take place immediately after the conference. These will highlight both traditional Chinese urban forms and landscapes of the global era.