

Call for papers

LSE Cities, a research centre based at the London School of Economics, is hosting two sessions as part of the African Centre for Cities international urban conference on 1-2 February 2018 in Cape Town, South Africa. These sessions form part of the prelude to the next Urban Age conference, which will be hosted in an African city towards the end of 2018.

The international urban conference celebrates the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the African Centre for Cities (ACC) at the University of Cape Town and will focus on the utility of urban studies for the study of African cities.

The subject of the LSE Cities-hosted sessions will be:

- digitalisation and technology, particularly with respect to models of transport
- urban informality, particularly with respect to infrastructure

This is a call for submission of individual papers for consideration for inclusion in these special LSE Cities sessions. Research groups are encouraged to share work that is clearly related to the session topics, with the aim to present their work during the sessions. A focus on sub-Saharan Africa is preferred, but innovative urban research on different geographic regions will also be considered.

Submit all proposals and abstracts to: R.F.Craig@lse.ac.uk

Logistics

Closing date for abstracts: 30 November 2017

Confirmation of acceptance of abstracts: 8 December 2017

Conference papers due: 2 January 2018 (if papers are late, the Scientific Panel reserve the right to withdraw the paper from the conference. Please include a draft PowerPoint presentation)

Conference dates: 1-2 February 2018

Conference Partners: Cities Alliance, National Research Foundation, AW Mellon Foundation, Mistra Urban Futures, and University of Cape Town.

Direct queries about LSE Cities' sessions to: R.F.Craig@lse.ac.uk

For general queries about the entire conference, please contact: accurbanconference@gmail.com

LSE Cities

LSE Cities is an international centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science that carries out research, conferences, graduate and executive education and outreach activities in London and abroad. Its mission is to study how people and cities interact in a rapidly urbanising world, focusing on how the physical form and design of cities impacts on society, culture and the environment.

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Urban Age

The Urban Age Programme is a worldwide investigation into the future of cities organised by LSE Cities at the London School of Economics and Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft. The programme centres on an annual conference, research initiatives and publications. Since 2005, 16 conferences have been held in rapidly urbanising regions in Africa and Asia, as well as in mature urban regions in the Americas and Europe. Urban Age cities include [Delhi](#), Rio de Janeiro, [London](#), Hong Kong, Istanbul, São Paulo, Mumbai, Mexico City, Johannesburg, Berlin, Shanghai and New York City.

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Urban Age Africa 2017-2018

There is a considerable knowledge gap on the most rapidly urbanising regions of the world of which many Sub-Saharan African countries are among the most prominent examples. The Urban Age programme is well positioned to bring together international research and outreach activities inquiring about some of the most relevant characteristics of African urbanism while drawing on expertise from a global network of cities and urban research institutions. During 2017, city visits and workshops held in several Sub-Saharan African cities will establish contacts and test the robustness of research themes and increase understanding of rapid and recent urbanisation. The next Urban Age conference, which is expected to be hosted towards the end of 2018 in an African city, will consolidate this research.