

Subject: Re: November 2017 newsletter
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To: ACSF List-Server

Dear ACSF friends

Below, in **green**, you'll find news and information, opportunities, and more in our area of interest. All this material is collected by myself and often includes contributions from other ACSF members. We hope you find it useful.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment's

ACSF member Sigurd Bergmann presents the *European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment's* new website for you here:

<https://www.religion-environment.com/>

If anyone in the ACSF is working on environmental issues (who is not in architecture?) he/she is very much welcome to register as a member in our Forum, <https://www.religion-environment.com/>, by a mail to chair Celia Deane-Drummond <Celia.Deane-Drummond.1@nd.edu> with a cc to Sigurd Bergmann <sigurd.bergmann@ntnu.no> and Kari Birgitte Berg <kari.berg@ntnu.no>. Send a CV, contact info and some words about research interests and projects. Members have access to the Forum's mailing list which they can also use actively for distribution.

The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale

<http://fore.yale.edu>

The Forum on Religion and Ecology is the largest international multireligious project of its kind. With its conferences, publications, and website it is engaged in exploring religious worldviews, texts, and ethics in order to broaden understanding of the complex nature of current environmental concerns.

The Forum recognizes that religions need to be in dialogue with other disciplines (e.g., science, ethics, economics, education, public policy, gender) in seeking comprehensive solutions to both global and local environmental problems.

ARTICLES

Bahá'í Temple of South America (AIA 2017 Innovation Awards)

<https://www.aia.org/showcases/155451-bah-temple-of-south-america>

Set within the Andean foothills, just beyond the metropolis of Santiago, Chile, the Bahá'í Temple of South America is a domed, luminous structure that echoes the rolling topography of the mountains. Its nine monumental glass veils frame an open and accessible worship space where up to 600 visitors can be accommodated. Looking up to the central oculus at the apex of the dome, visitors will experience a mesmerizing transfer of light from the exterior of cast glass to an interior of translucent Portuguese marble.

This World-Leading Building Researcher Believes That Architecture Is Afraid of Science (in ArchDaily)

http://www.archdaily.com/881035/this-world-leading-building-researcher-believes-that-architecture-is-afraid-of-science?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ArchDaily_List

Recently we've written a fair amount about the state of architectural research. The general consensus appears to be that it lacks rigor and, even more importantly, is not grounded in good science. Steven J Orfield has some strong opinions about architectural research. He's been conducting it—for architecture and design firms, as well as Fortune 500 companies—at his Minneapolis-based Orfield Laboratories for more than three decades now. Late last week I talked to him about why architects are afraid of science, how he would introduce it into the schools, and his work in the field of universal design.

The College Chasm. How market forces have made American higher education radically unequal (Harvard Magazine)

<https://harvardmagazine.com/2017/11/american-colleges-inequality>

ALTHOUGH AMERICA'S RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES are the envy of the world, our system of baccalaureate education inspires as much hand-wringing as pride. Concerns about the unevenness of undergraduate education have grown with evidence of falling college completion rates and disappointing results in international comparisons of learning. Most prominent have been misgivings about equity and privilege. As income inequality has worsened, elite colleges are being called out as "bastions of privilege." Critics have asked pointedly whether America's colleges, rather than serving as a mechanism for equal opportunity, are in fact contributing to *more* inequality.

The new Bible museum tells a clear, powerful story. And it could change the museum business (Washington Post)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/museums/the-new-bible-museum-tells-a-clear-powerful-story-and-it-could-change-the-museum-business/2017/11/15/6fc76f40-c98e-11e7-8321-481fd63f174d_story.html?utm_term=.9ab18a5544bf

When the Museum of the Bible opens this weekend, it will set a new standard for how this country's museums fuse entertainment and education. The \$500 million, privately funded project is as large as some of the Smithsonian's premier attractions, including the National Museum of African American History and Culture. It is rich in content, stocked with historic treasures and carefully plotted to appeal to audiences of all ages. It

Educating Americans to defuse Islamophobia (Washington Post)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/educating-americans-to-defuse-islamophobia/2017/11/10/476bfe86-973d-11e7-82e4-f1076f6d6152_story.html?utm_term=.06ad273e6981

Americans are obsessed with Islam as an idea, as a mystery and as an existential threat to the West. As a result, our debates over Islam and Muslims aren't really about "them" as much as they are about "us" — and the supposed battle between the two. In his new book, "What the Qur'an Meant: And Why It Matters," historian Garry Wills shows how some Americans use

Muslims as a way to define who they themselves are and what they stand for, and to sharpen their definition of Western civilization.

This former surgeon general says there's a 'loneliness epidemic' and work is partly to blame (Washington Post)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/on-leadership/wp/2017/10/04/this-former-surgeon-general-says-theres-a-loneliness-epidemic-and-work-is-partly-to-blame/?utm_term=.6d4bec44f426

When people think of the public health issues that have been top priorities for surgeon generals, physical health concerns usually come to mind. Smoking. Immunizations. Obesity. Preventing the spread of the AIDS virus. But Vivek H. Murthy, who became the U.S. surgeon general in late 2014 after a lengthy confirmation battle over his remarks about guns being a health-care issue, added emotional well-being and loneliness to his list of big public health worries.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Faith& Form

An upcoming issue of Faith & Form will explore the theme of "Materials of the Sacred," how the very substance of religious art and architecture conveys a sense of the holy. When we choose stone, wood, glass, metal, paint, tile, or any of the materials available to us, how does it help create a sacred place? How do sustainable materials express our love and stewardship of God's creation?

Send your article ideas and projects to: mcrosbie@faithandform.com

CONFERENCES

EDRA 49: Social Equity by Design

June 6-9, 20`8. Oklahoma City, OK

Call for Proposals (closes Dec 1st)

Every year, for almost 50 years, socially-motivated professionals and researchers in the environmental design fields have come together during the EDRA conference with a shared belief in the importance of creating environments that are supportive of all people. In 2018, we seek to investigate how to design environments that make communities safer, more enjoyable and more equitable.

Our society is at a critical crossroad. Population, climate change, pollution, widening economic disparity, a lack of housing, increasing attitudes of isolation, and cultural intolerance confront us with a future that looks segmented and broken. Whether you are in Oklahoma City, Dallas, Hong Kong, Dubai, London, Rome, Lusaka, Nairobi, or Moscow, these issues cannot be ignored any longer.

Environmental design professionals and scholars have the knowledge and skills to become agents of change and tackle these issues at their roots. This is the time for a critical discussion of the kind of knowledge and practices needed to solve some of these problems.

Please find time to respond to our Call for Papers and submit your research and work to be presented at EDRA49 next June 6-9 by visiting www.edra.org/EDRA49_CFP.

Migrating World: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Migration and Integration Conference

10th to 10th February 2018
London, United Kingdom

Website: <http://integration.irf-network.org>
Contact person: Dr Olena Lytovka

The conference will explore the current trends in international migration, to discuss and assess different aspects and changes in the fields of migration, integration and cultural diversity.

Organized by: London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Interdisciplinary Research Foundation
Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 20th November 2017

Sacred Journeys 5th Global Conference

5th to 6th July 2018
Berlin, Germany

Website: <https://global.iu.edu/global-gateways/europe/news-events/news/2017-09-19-sacred-journeys-fifth-global-conference-pilgrimage-beyond.html>
Contact person: Ian McIntosh

Pilgrimage is one of the most ancient practices of humankind and is associated with a great variety of religious, spiritual and traditions. The 5th global conference will continue to explore this global phenomenon from multiple perspectives.

Organized by: Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 28th February 2018

Storytelling Conference 2018

Conference

10th to 11th July 2018
Ipswich, Suffolk, United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.uos.ac.uk/content/storytelling-conference-2018>
Contact person: Jessica Clark, Tom Vine and Sarah Richards

This interdisciplinary Storytelling Conference invites submissions of abstracts for presentations, panels and posters that theoretically and empirically engage with the diverse nature of storytelling and stories substantively and methodologically

Organized by: University of Suffolk
Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 30th March 2018

**The Future of Education: Rediscovering Free Inquiry
Conference**

2nd to 4th August 2018
Pasadena, California, United States of America

Website: <http://www.jis3.org/symposium2018>

Contact person: Dr. Oskar Gruenwald

International, interdisciplinary cross-cultural symposium on higher education, free inquiry, pedagogy, teaching, learning, research, character formation, ethics, cultural renewal, democracy, human rights, individual liberty, censorship, civil society

Organized by: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 1st March 2018

**Society of Architectural Historians 72nd Annual International Conference
Conference**

24th to 28th April 2019
Providence, Rhode Island, United States of America

Website: <http://sah.org/2019>

Contact person: Christopher Kirbabas

The Society of Architectural Historians will offer a total of 36 paper sessions at its 2019 Annual International Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. The call for session proposals is open until January 16, 2018.

Organized by: Society of Architectural Historians

**CRITICAL PRACTICE IN AN AGE OF COMPLEXITY - AN INTERDISCIPLINARY
CRITIQUE OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

PLACE: University of Arizona
DATES: 22-23 February 2018

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: 05 DECEMBER 2017

<http://architecturemps.com/arizona/>

KEYNOTE:

Jane Rendell, University College London.

CONTEXT:

Today, Donald Trump promises investment in infrastructure, China continues to urbanize and pollute, global cities are often surrounded by slums. Alongside this, the arts and cultural industries seen as economic motors and media representations of urban life continue to stigmatize and idealize in equal measure.

To understand the way we live in cities, towns and communities today requires what Jane Rendell calls 'critical spatial practice' – critique from different disciplines.

DISCIPLINES:

Architecture, urban design, planning, landscape architecture, arts, sociology, human geography, cultural studies and more.

PUBLICATIONS:

Global publisher network involved: Taylor & Francis; Intellect Books; UCL Press. Part of 'Parade': Publication and Research in Arts, Architecture, Design and Environments.

PRESENTATIONS:

Pre-recorded film

Virtual (skype or other)

In-person

<http://architecturemps.com/arizona/>

Enquiries: info@architecturemps.com

2018 International Symposium for Contemplative Research

(formerly International Symposium for Contemplative Studies, ISCS)

Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, near Phoenix, Arizona

November 8-11, 2018

Call for Abstracts opens November 15, 2017

DEADLINE: January 31, 2018

The [Mind & Life International Symposium for Contemplative Research \(ISCR\)](#) is the flagship academic conference for interdisciplinary investigations of the mind and contemplative practices, welcoming all engaged in contemplative research and those who seek to understand how to apply this research in their work and communities.

Canadian Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences - HUSO2018

Toronto, Canada

"Human Development through Social Empowerment"

(<http://www.socialsciences.info/>)

Dates: 18-20 May 2018

HUSO2018 is a multidisciplinary international conference that provides the ideal opportunity to bring together academics, researchers and PhD students of different disciplines to discuss emerging issues, and discover the most recent developments in humanities and social sciences.

The conferences organize by Unique Conferences Canada are truly International events and renowned for their high level of attendance, thought-leading and cutting edge contents, unrivaled networking opportunities and presenter friendly atmosphere. This time we expect presenters at least from more than 50 different countries will attend this premier event in Toronto, Canada.

How to join:

Presenter - send the application along with your abstract

Listener - send the application with your profile (as the attachment instead of abstract)

Abstract Submission: Abstracts should be submitted online at: <http://www.socialsciences.info/>

Presentation modes: Oral, Poster or Virtual

The Conference Topics: Include, but are not limited to:

All areas of humanities including anthropology, archaeology, architecture, art, ethics, history, language studies, literature, linguistics, drama, music, philosophy, poetry, theater and others subjects.

All areas of social sciences including accounting, finance, economics, management, business, marketing, education, sociology, communication, psychology, political science, law, and other subjects.

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 March 2018

Early bird Deadline: 30 November 2017

Notification of Acceptance/Rejection: within 05 days

Final Paper Submission Deadline: 15 April 2018

Registration Deadline for Presenters: 15 March 2018

Conference Dates: 19 and 20 May 2018

Art is Dead Long Live Live Art: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Performance Conference

20th to 21st April 2018

London, United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.queerartprojects.co.uk/conferences/art-dead-long-live-live-art-interdisciplinary-conference-performance/>

Contact person: Dr. Tuna Erdem

This is an interdisciplinary conference on performance art in all its various incarnations: from durational performances to immersive theatre, from body art to drag shows. For a more detailed CFP please visit our web site.

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 19th January 2018

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

DEPARTMENT FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS *In Collaboration With* SCHOOL OF ARTS

Call for Papers for an International Conference on

RELIGION AND THE 21ST CENTURY CITY: OPENINGS AND CLOSURES

University of Ghana, 20th-22nd June, 2018

Background

Researchers, academics, religious practitioners, and students are hereby invited to submit abstracts/papers related to, but not limited to, any one of the following themes or topics:

- Urbanization, democracy and religion in the city – especially negotiating the conflicts between customary laws (traditional authority) and constitutionality
- Religious pluralism and religious life in the city
- Religion and the media in the city
- Urbanization, religious innovations and manifestations in the city
- Urbanization, cities and the construction of new religious identities
- Religion, morality and human rights in the modern city
- Faiths, urban ecology and environmental sustainability

- Religion, transportation and mobility in the city
- Religious history, monuments and the growth of cities
- The secular city, religious radicalization and resistance
- Cities, consumer societies and religious markets
- Urban space, new religious movements and proselytization
- Cities, sexuality, human rights and religious co-existence
- Dynamics of the city, religion and gender
- Youth, religion and the city
- Migration, migrants and religious communities
- The urban landscape, emerging markets and religious sensibilities
- Urbanization, configurations and of the sacred and new religious movements (NRMs)
- Religion, the urban space and the performing arts
- The urban space, language use and religious communication (political correctness)

Proposal Submissions:

Abstracts, including five key words, and not exceeding three hundred (300) words in Microsoft Word 98 or newer, must be sent to bwkgolo@ug.edu.gh and aatiemo@ug.edu.gh with the subject "Religion and the City Conference 2018". Author's contact details (name, department, email address and phone number) should be provided on a separate page.

Deadlines:

Deadlines for the submission of abstracts: January 31, 2018

Notification of acceptance: February 20, 2018

Submission of draft papers: June 1, 2018

Conference Fees:

Local participants: GHC 250

Local student participants: GHC 100

International participants: \$ 200

"Somewhere In Between: Borders and Borderlands" International Conference

Conference

28th to 28th April 2018

London, United Kingdom

Website: <http://borders.irf-network.org>

Contact person: Dr Olena Lytovka

The conference will seek to identify and analyse the processes of border-making and border permeability in contemporary societies through aesthetic forms.

Organized by: London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 15th January 2018

International Conference on Urban Studies: "Metropolitan Identities"

Conference

12th to 12th May 2018

London, United Kingdom

Website: <http://urbanstudies.lcir.co.uk>

Contact person: Dr Olena Lytovka

The conference will explore the singular nature of the symbols that represent the world's cosmopolitan metropolises, providing an integrated approach for the understanding of the mechanisms that lie behind the undisputed global centres.

Organized by: London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research
Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 15th January 2018

ANFA 2018 (Academy of Neuroscience For Architecture)
Salk Institute, La Jolla, California
September 20-22, 2018

ANFA 2018: SHARED BEHAVIORAL OUTCOMES

Call for Presenters:

Building on the tradition established at the ANFA 2012, 2014 and 2016 Conferences, ANFA 2018 will again provide a forum for architects, designers, cognitive scientists, and neuroscientists to focus on empirical research that enhances our understanding of human responses to the built environment. The conference seeks submissions representing studies on education, justice-correctional, and healthcare facilities, and encourages examples of how behavioral outcomes in one building type may apply to another. All presentations are to draw conclusions from their findings as to enable a translation from science to architectural design.

Conference Language: English
Abstracts will be accepted until February 16, 2018
Notification of Acceptance or Rejection: April 16, 2018

**The 5th International Conference on Architecture and Built Environment
S.ARCH 2018**
22-24 May 2018 | Venice, Italy

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS / PAPERS!
We kindly invite authors to submit Abstracts for the 5th International Conference on Architecture and Built Environment S.ARCH 2018.
Abstract Submission Deadline is November 24th, 2017

For more info: http://s-arch.net/html/abstracts_-_papers.html

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