

## **CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

**46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**  
*March 16-19, 2016      Hilton Bayfront Hotel      San Diego, California*

### ***Social Justice in the Global City? Contested Views on Social Control, Borders, and Equity***

**Abstract/Proposal Submission Opens June 1, 2015—Final Submission Deadline: October 1, 2015**

(Late proposals or abstracts **are not** accepted)

Social control in urban spaces has intensified in recent months and years. Clashes over policing, repression, terrorism, and border protection are becoming commonplace in diverse urban settings. This trend is evident across a wide array of settings from Ferguson, Missouri and the favelas of Rio de Janeiro, to the streets of cities throughout Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Questions of equity and justice are becoming increasingly urgent as formal institutions of social control extend their reach. At the same time, cities continue to serve as sites for creative forms of political mobilization, citizen-based sustainable development, and innovation. Social movements are emerging, for example, in calls for *the right to the city*, improved *livability*, *local sustainability*, *tactical urbanism* and *environmental justice*. As inequalities become increasingly evident at local, regional and global scales, greater numbers of citizens are questioning current economic models that appear to widen economic and social gaps.

The city of San Diego, CA is a gateway community and part of the San Diego-Tijuana binational region, thus making it an appropriate place for urban scholars to explore questions of urban safety, justice, globalization, and the potential for policy innovation. Urban scholars are not simply observers. They play an active role in scrutinizing social, political, economic, and environmental changes in cities. As such, urban scholars are uniquely positioned to identify effective and ineffective urban strategies, and advance new approaches to meeting the challenges of cities and their interdependent communities. A focus on creating sustainable neighborhoods, healthy urban environments, and accessible landscapes of opportunity, will move us beyond traditional models of market-driven urban development.

#### **Topical Categories**

In keeping with the tradition of UAA Annual Meetings, we encourage proposals that focus on an array of research topics including:

- Arts, Culture in Urban Contexts
- Disaster Planning/Disaster Management for Urban Areas, Cities and National Security
- Economic Development, Redevelopment, Tourism, Urban Economics, Urban Finance
- Education Policy in Urban Contexts, Educational Institutions and Urban Inequalities
- Environmental Issues, Sustainability
- Globalization, Multi-national Urban Issues
- Governance, Intergovernmental Relations, Regionalism, Urban Management
- Health and Urban communities
- Historic Preservation, Space and Place
- Historical Perspectives on Cities, Urban Areas
- Housing, Neighborhoods, Community Development
- Human Services and Urban Populations, Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector in Urban Contexts
- Immigration, Population and Demographic Trends in Urban Areas

- Infrastructure, Capital Projects, Networks, Transport, Urban Services
- Labor, Employment, Wages, Training
- Land Use, Growth Management, Urban Development, Urban Planning
- Poverty, Welfare, Income Inequality
- Professional Development, The Field of Urban Affairs
- Public Safety in Urban Areas, Criminal Justice, Household Violence
- Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Diversity
- Social Capital, Democracy and Civil Society, Social Theory, Religion and the City
- Urban Communications (Urban Media Roles, Urban Journalism, Social Media/Technology in Urban Life)—accepted presenters in this category may apply for a conference scholarship
- Urban Design, Urban Architecture)—accepted presenters in this category may apply for a conference scholarship
- Urban Indicators, Data/Methods, Satisfaction/Quality of Life Surveys
- Urban Politics, Elections, Citizen Participation
- Urban Theory, Theoretical and Conceptual Issues in Urban Affairs
- [Special Track A: Urban Issues in Asia and the Pacific Rim](#)
- [Special Track B: Urban Issues in Central & South America and the Caribbean](#)
- [Special Track C: Globalization and Cities on the U.S.-Mexico Border](#)

### **Proposal Submission Formats and Policies**

A proposal can be submitted through the UAA website (starting June 1, 2015) for a:

- **Research paper presentation**--(proposal requires an abstract) OR
- **Pre-organized panel**--(proposal requires a panel summary, group of 4-5 paper abstracts with moderator) OR
- **Pre-organized colloquy**-- (proposal requires theme statement & names of 4-5 formal discussants) OR
- **Breakfast roundtable**--(proposal requires theme statement & names of 1-2 conveners) OR
- **Poster**--(proposal requires an abstract)—best option for persons who are in early stage of their research

You do not have to be a UAA member to submit an abstract or session proposal. No abstract fees are required.

**Abstract/Proposal Deadline: UAA will not accept any proposals (of any kind) after October 1, 2015, 12 mid-night Central Daylight Time (CDT) or 5:00am GMT. The online submission site will close at 12:01 am CDT. Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by November 16, 2015**

### **Participation Policy ---One Session/One Presentation Rule**

Individuals are limited to participating (as a presenter, speaker or moderator) in one (1) conference session. Within a session, a person may serve as a presenter and moderator, but cannot make more than one paper presentation within that session. A conference session is defined as: a panel, a colloquy, a poster display, or a breakfast roundtable. There is no limit to the number of papers/posters for which you are a co-author. Policy exception: persons asked to play a service role for UAA can participate in one additional session.

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**Questions?** Beginning June 1, you may visit the UAA website: [www.urbanaffairsassociation.org](http://www.urbanaffairsassociation.org) (for info on proposal submissions, registration, hotel reservations, etc.), or contact us at [conf@uaamail.org](mailto:conf@uaamail.org) or 1-414-229-3025.