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**ISOCARP – Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC)  
Young Planning Professionals National Workshop – Guangzhou 2016**

**City Memories and Recreation of Lost Space**  
**Laoxiguan (Old Western Gate) District**  
*(working title)*

**Guangzhou, People’s Republic of China, May 22nd - 27th 2016**

**CALL for WORKSHOP COORDINATORS**

**BACKGROUND**

ISOCARP and the Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC) have recently made an agreement which entails a **Young Planning Professionals National Workshop**, intended for Chinese and international young planners and being a part of the pre-congress activities.

**OBJECTIVES AND THEME OF THE WORKSHOP:**

The workshop aims to provide young Chinese and international planners responsible for, or participating in, the shaping and development of settlements, with the principles and practices of effective contemporary urbanism and practical knowledge that will be of immediate use to each participant.

The objective of the workshop is to provide workshop participants with hands-on practical experiences. YPPs work in a studio setting under the **guidance of two international experts** from among the members of ISOCARP on a project site chosen jointly by ISOCARP, UPSC and representatives of the local partners from Guangzhou municipality and region. They will be accompanied by the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP program for the entire duration of their stay in Guangzhou. It is also intended to develop an example of the comprehensive (strategic) urban redevelopment exercise for Chinese cities undergoing complex growth and transformation processes during recent years.

The theme of the workshop is associated with the regeneration of the large urban area, located in close proximity to the Guangzhou city center. This site was one of the pioneer areas leading Guangzhou prosperity in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century with all the trades related to the inner harbor, and famous for cultural heritage and traditional southern China architecture. Once a commercial and retail center currently under deterioration needs regeneration and redevelopment.

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#### **AUDIENCE:**

The workshop is targeted at junior Chinese and international planners. They come from various backgrounds such as spatial planning, architecture, civil engineering and real estate management. Most of them have professional degrees in planning and a few years of planning practice. It is intended that the workshop will gather **16 Chinese YPPs along with 4 international YPPs**.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WORKSHOP COORDINATORS:**

Tasks of the two selected coordinators:

1. Be responsible for the co-ordination of the framework, the scientific and professional content of the Workshop Theme in collaboration with local coordinators from UPSC.
2. Guide the Young Planning Professionals work throughout the workshop, stimulate discussions among them, instruct on the presentation format.
3. Coordinate the publication of the Workshop results in collaboration with the VP responsible for the YPP Program.

#### **CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENSES:**

The call for **WORKSHOP COORDINATORS** is open to ISOCARP **Members only**.

#### **Tasks:**

Each coordinator will spend 5 full days working with the YPP group during May 23-27<sup>th</sup> 2016. Before and after, there may be a necessity of conducting meetings with local hosts and press. **Therefore, coordinators shall arrive on 22nd of May in the early afternoon AT THE LATEST and depart not earlier than 27<sup>th</sup> of May in the early afternoon.**

#### **Honorarium:**

There will be no honorarium for the YPP Workshop coordinators for the duration of time they will spend guiding the YPPs.

#### **Expenses:**

ISOCARP will provide the **international air tickets (economy class)** for the selected coordinators on the basis of agreed itinerary. The tickets will be purchased directly by ISOCARP office. Also, accommodation, local transportation and full board will be provided on site by UPSC. **ALL ADDITIONAL COSTS HAVE TO BE MET BY COORDINATORS BY THEMSELVES. ISOCARP HAS A LIMITED BUDGET FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT.**



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#### LOGISTICS:

- The location of the YPP Workshop will be Guangzhou, People's Republic of China
- Expected arrival date to Guangzhou – 22nd of May
- Departures should be scheduled on 28th of May.

Coordinators are welcome to stay longer in China. However, their expenses for additional time spent in China beyond the time required for the workshop have to be borne by the participating members themselves. Both UPSC and ISOCARP should timely be informed on such an extension.

Selected workshop coordinators will be asked to provide an intended itinerary far in advance in order to secure the most favorable airfare. **PLEASE CONSULT YOUR TRAVEL PLANS IN ADVANCE WITH VP YPP Piotr Lorens.**

#### Calendar

Issue of Call	February 9th, 2016
<b>Deadline - Reception of applications</b>	<b>February 29th, 2016, by midnight at the latest</b>
Communication of Selection Results	March 15th, 2016
<b>Confirmation by selected Candidates</b>	<b>March 19th, 2016 at the latest</b>
Participation documents to selected candidates	between April 1 -7 , 2016
Travel arrangements/procedures	in April, 2016
Arrival to Guangzhou (Workshop Coordinators)	May 22nd , 2016
Departure (Workshop Coordinators)	May 28th, 2016 (after public presentation of Workshop results)

#### ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION:

Two Workshop International Coordinators will be selected from among the applications. ISOCARP welcomes applications from **full members** outside China with proven expertise in urban design and planning and with academic experience and/or teaching experience in similar professional training programs. International experience is a plus but not a must. Also, the basic understanding and/or interest in Chinese realities will be treated as advantage. The most effective composition of the team will be taken into account for the final selection.

It is intended to select both one "senior" and one "junior" coordinator, which should allow both, the provision of professional expertise and good abilities to work with the group of YPPs. For the "senior" coordinator post colleagues with extensive planning and/or educational practice are especially encouraged to apply. For the "junior" coordinator post former YPPs with further professional and/or educational experience are especially welcome to apply, although applications from colleagues not being part of previous YPP workshops are also welcome. The most effective composition of the team will be taken into account for the final selection. **The final decision will be taken jointly by VP YPP and UPSC officials.**

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**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. A CLEAR statement of intent explaining why you want to apply. Please be specific and refer to prior workshop coordination or participation experience. (maximum 1 page)
2. A 2 page Curriculum Vitae/Resume pointing out the relevant experience – PLEASE USE THE ISOCARP TEMPLATE
3. A selected list of publications and/or conference papers.

Applications and CV (Resume) should be sent to [isocarp@isocarp.org](mailto:isocarp@isocarp.org) ; [kurth@isocarp.org](mailto:kurth@isocarp.org). In addition, please send them to [plorens.pg@gmail.com](mailto:plorens.pg@gmail.com)

**SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

An evaluation and final selection of candidates will be done by a Selection Committee formed by Piotr Lorens, ISOCARP YPP VP, as well as representatives of UPSC.

**Any questions during these procedures should be sent to ISOCARP HQ, email address**  
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**Any questions regarding the topic, on-site logistics and travel arrangement should be sent to VP YPP,**  
Piotr Lorens: [plorens@pg.gda.pl](mailto:plorens@pg.gda.pl), [plorens.pg@gmail.com](mailto:plorens.pg@gmail.com), tel +48 605 433 885



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**PROVISIONAL TIME-LINE FOR THE WORKSHOP PROGRAM:**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday**

Afternoon: Arrival, group meeting and Team Organization  
Evening: welcome dinner, first workshop participants meeting

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday**

Morning: Workshop topic introduction, Field trip,  
Afternoon: First analysis of the site, problem statement  
Evening: Formulation of the design / planning problems

**May 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday**

All Day: Studio work in teams – first discussions on the problem solution, development of the planning and design proposals for the site

**May 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

All Day: Studio work in teams – refining the proposed development concept, preparation of the specific design solutions,

**May 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**

All Day: Studio work in teams – preparation of the specific design solutions, development of the final project presentation, report and posters

**May 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday**

Morning: Presentation of workshop results by each team to a larger audience to be invited by UPSC, discussions and closing.