International Conference

Living In the City
Problems and Challenges
Associated with the Contemporary Housing Policy

Dear Colleagues,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the conference „Living In the City. Problems and Challenges Associated with the Contemporary Housing Policies”, which shall take place in Gdynia, Poland, in-between June 23rd-24th. This conference is co-organized by the Municipality of Gdynia, Society of Polish Town Planners, Committee for Spatial Economy and Regional Planning – Polish Academy of Sciences as well as Gdansk University of Technology in cooperation with International Society of City and Regional Planners ISOCARP.

The theme of the conference is associated especially with the problem of housing structures within the urban centers – so with the specific type of urban housing, nowadays being subject of rapid development within the transformation and regeneration areas. These structures are subject of numerous research and analyses, although – due to sectoral approach used within these – it is hard to develop any conclusions of more general nature. These can also become the basis for further studies in this field as well as for development of the recommendations regarding future directions of national and local housing policies.

Thus, the main goal of the conference is to initiate the interdisciplinary discourse on the future model of shaping the urban housing with focus on central areas and to work out the directions of future research in this area. The conference conclusions shall also allow advancement of the discussion on the implementation of the Lodz Charter “Return to the Center”, elaborated during the 5th Congress of Polish Urbanism in September 2015. The program of the conference will be enriched by the 1st edition of the Gdynia Urban School, co-organized by AESOP – Association of European Schools of Planning – as well as the exhibition „City Visions” depicting the visions of development of selected cities in 20th century.

Participation in the conference is free of charge, although the registration is required. Due to limited amount of available seats the organizers reserve the right for reconfirmation of the participation of registered guests.
### Day 1 - 23.06.2016.
9.00 – 10.00
Registration
10:00 – 12:00
Official Opening
**Presentation of the results of the YPP workshop**
- Gdynia School of Urbanism
  12:00-13:30
**Prof. Ric Stephens, ISOCARP President**
Urban housing in contemporary city development policies (30 min + questions)
13:30 – 14:30 lunch
**Dr Shipra Narang Suri, ISOCARP Vice President**
Housing as a part of the global discourse on urban development – in the context of the UN HABITAT agenda (30 min + questions)
14:30 – 15:00 Introductory lecture
15:30 – 16:30 Debate
18:00 - 19:00 Official launch of the exhibition „City Visions”

### Dzień 2 - 24.06.2016.
**Financial model of housing**
9:00 – 9:30 Introductory lecture
9:30-10:30 Debate
10:30 – 11:00 kawa
**Spatial model of housing**
11:00-11:30 Introductory lecture
11:30-12:30 Debate

**Political model of housing**
12.30 – 13.00 Introductory lecture
13.00 – 14.00 Debate
14.00 – 14.15
Conclusions, Conference closing

### Accompanying events:
19.06.2016. – 23.06.2016: Young Planning Professionals (YPP) workshop

Inauguration of the Gdynia School of Urbanism – in cooperation with ISOCARP and AESOP

24.06.2016: Meeting of the Heads of planning organizations from Central and Eastern Europe

23.06.2016: Official launch of the exhibition „City Visions”


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