

CALL for INTERNATIONAL COORDINATORS

Young Planning Professionals' National Workshop

XI'AN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 23-27 July 2018

organised in partnership with Urban Planning Society of China & the Xi'an Urban Planning and Design Institute

INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE AND REGIONAL REVIVAL

BACKGROUND

The Young Planning Professionals' Programme was initiated in 1991 at the 26th ISOCARP World Planning Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico. Since then, senior members of ISOCARP have happily – and at times perhaps a little enviously – observed the competition for admission to the workshop, the creative spirit of the workshop itself, and the enthusiastic response of the participants. It has become tradition to organise the workshops in the week preceding the annual world planning congress in order to provide unique opportunities to Young Planning Professionals (YPPs) to share their experiences in an attempt to resolve complex and multi-dimensional planning problems. Today, the YPP Programme, together with workshops and intensive training programmes, has become a source of meaningful debate, and new ideas and rejuvenation for the Society; and has made a huge impact on participants' professional lives. It has contributed towards making life-long friendships beyond borders, languages, cultures and professional backgrounds.

According to this tradition, The Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC), in cooperation with ISOCARP, agreed to plan the Young Planning Professionals' National Workshop in Xi'an between the dates, July 23 and 27, 2018. The workshop will be jointly undertaken by the Youth Work Committee of the UPSC and the Xi'an Urban Planning & Design Institute. The purpose of the workshop is to contribute to the knowledge base and improve skills of young professionals, the future leaders of our profession, meanwhile provide international academic exchanges and mutual learning opportunities for both domestic and international youth planners.

VENUE: XI'AN

Xi'an, known as 'Chang'an' and 'Hao jing', is one of the four big ancient capitals of China, the Chinese civilization and an important birthplace of Chinese nation, with more than 7000 years of civilization, a history of 3100 years of founding and more than 1100 years of capitals. Since the Western Han dynasty, Xi'an has become an important city for economic, cultural exchange and friendly relations between China and the world. The 'silk road' with the starting point of Chang'an, extending to Ancient Rome is one of the first national historical and cultural cities published by the state council.

Xi'an is located in the middle of Guanzhong plain, which is adjacent to Weihe River at the north and Qinling mountains at the south. It is the capital of Shaanxi province, the sub-provincial city, the core city of the Guanzhong plain urban agglomeration, the important national center city in western China, the important scientific research, education, and industrial base of the state. It has jurisdiction of over 11 districts and 2 counties with a total area of 10,108 kilometer square. It has the Xixian new district, the Shaanxi free trade zone, Xi'an port and other economic and industrial heights. At the end of 2016, the number of permanent residents was 8.8321 million, of which 648.54 million were urban residents.

In February 2018, the National Development and Reform Commission of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development released the development plan of urban agglomeration in Guanzhong plain, which supports the construction of national center city, international comprehensive transport hub in Xi'an and promotes Xi'an to build the international metropolis while protecting its historical and cultural values.



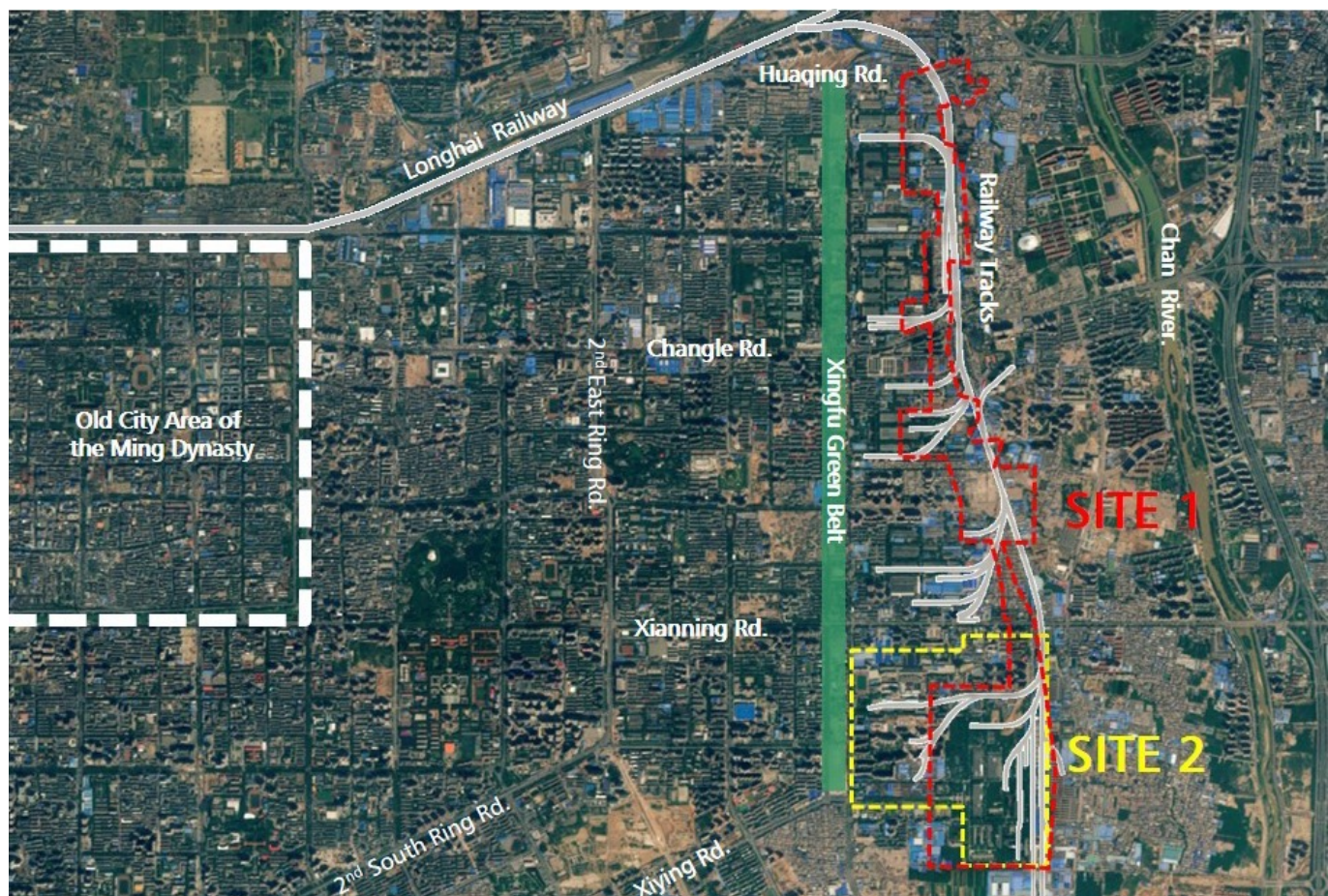
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THEME OF THE WORKSHOP

“INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE AND REGIONAL REVIVAL”

The overall theme for Xi'an YPP workshop is 'Industrial Heritage and Regional Revival', making the workshop an important entry point for ISOCARP to discuss Sustainable Development Goals Target 11.4 which calls for “making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable by strengthening efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage”. Envisioned as an urban laboratory to integrate heritage conservation agendas with those of sustainable urban development, the workshop will be focusing on two alternative sites that are determined within the Xingfu Road area close to the old Steelworks Creative Park: a site along the old railway tracks, and another on the East Factory as one of the ‘156 Project’ military factories.

The workshop will search for best practices on preserving the military and industrial heritage, while taking into consideration the potentials on developing locational advantages and resource superiority, promoting industrial upgrading and integrative use of land and the ecological environment, protecting urban morphology including the buildings and environs of military factory areas and bridging the old with newly constructed projects in the near surrounding and creating new landmarks in the eastern part of the city. The proposals will focus on innovation design accelerating the pace of regional old city renewal and providing ideas for transformations of other military factory areas.





REQUIRED TASKS FOR WORKSHOP COORDINATORS

It is intended to select two ISOCARP workshop coordinators, which should allow the provision of professional expertise and good abilities to work with the group of YPPs. The overall number of coordinators will be five including three Chinese Coordinators to be selected by the UPSC. Each workshop coordinator will spend five full days working with the YPP group between 23 and 27 July. The workshop results will be presented on 27 July 2018, followed by a Certificate Ceremony and Exhibition Opening (venue to be announced soon). The workshop coordinators are highly encouraged to attend the 54th ISOCARP World Planning Congress in Bodø between 1 and 4 October. Here, the workshop results will be presented again during one of the congress plenaries (date to be announced soon). There will be a necessity of conducting meetings with local hosts and press in Xi'an. Therefore, all coordinators should arrive on 22 July in Xi'an at the latest and depart not earlier than 28 July.

The required tasks of the workshop coordinators are as follows:

- assistance in selecting the YPPs with the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP Programme and Youth Work Committee of the UPSC and the Xi'an Urban Planning and Design Institute (if necessary)
- coordination of the framework, the scientific and professional content of the workshop theme in collaboration with the local coordinator(s) and the Vice President responsible for the YPP programme
- guidance on the work of the YPPs throughout the workshop, stimulate discussions, instruct on the presentation format
- guidance on the public presentations to key stakeholders including the decision-makers, professionals and the public in Xi'an, and if applicable during the annual world planning congress
- coordination of YPP exhibitions in collaboration with the local organisation committee
- coordination of the publication of the workshop results in collaboration with the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP Programme and the local organisation committee
- participation in events aimed at promoting the Programme during Xi'an Workshop and preferably in 54th ISOCARP World Planning Congress

After the workshop, a YPPs' Workshop Report will be published. All YPPs are obliged to write down the results of the work of their specific group immediately after the programme under the supervision of workshop coordinators (For examples of past years have a look at the ISOCARP website: [Publications](#)). For the purpose of this, workshop coordinators (along with 2-3 selected YPPs) will collect all materials and prepare the first draft of the report.

The results of the YPP Workshop will be exhibited at the end of the workshop in Xi'an as well as during the annual ISOCARP World Planning Congress for the effective and interactive dissemination of knowledge. All YPPs are obliged to publish the results of the work of their specific group in an ISOCARP YPP Poster format before the congress starts.

CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENSES

The call for international WORKSHOP COORDINATORS is open to ISOCARP Members only. There will be honorarium of €1000 for each of the international YPP Workshop coordinators for the duration of time they will spend guiding the YPPs and participate actively in the defined tasks, and particularly to encourage coordinators to attend the 54th ISOCARP World Planning Congress, where a presentation on workshop results will again take place. This sum will be paid directly by ISOCARP after the completion of the workshop tasks.

The selected coordinators will also be provided an allowance for the international travel with a maximum of up to €1200 for applications including visa expenses (return, economic fare). Travel expenses will be reimbursed upon submitted original receipts, tickets, boarding passes, etc. Selected workshop coordinators are strongly advised to make their travel arrangements as soon as possible and to take advantage of the best available airfares, and submit their international travel itineraries to ISOCARP Head Office by 24 June 2018 at the latest.

UPSC will be in charge of arranging accommodation, full-board and local transportation for the entire duration of the workshop (including transfers to and from the program venue and airport according to their various individual planned flight itineraries), within the agreed dates in Xi'an.

Coordinators are welcome to stay in Xi'an longer than 28th July. However, their expenses for additional time spent in China beyond the time required for the workshop have to be borne by themselves. Both UPSC and ISOCARP should timely be informed on such an extension.

Please discuss your travel plans in advance with VP YPP Zeynep Gunay.
All selected coordinators have to take care of their own health and travel insurance.

CALENDAR

Issue of Call	15 May 2018
Deadline - Reception of applications	7 June 2018
Selection of Coordinators and Announcement of Results	10 June 2018
Selection of YPPs and Announcement of Results	17 June 2018
Confirmation and Submission of Agreement Protocol by YPPs	21 June 2018
Travel Arrangements and Procedures Submission of Travel Itinaries [Flight reservation, flight schedule, copy of e-ticket] and Issue of Visa Entrances in coordination with Head Office	24 June 2018
Arrival to Xi'an	22 July 2018
Departure from Xi'an	28 July 2018

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

It is intended to select five workshop coordinators, including three Chinese coordinators and two International coordinators which should allow the provision of professional expertise and good abilities to work with the group of YPPs. Two international workshop coordinators will be selected from among the applications by ISOCARP. ISOCARP welcomes applications from full members with proven expertise in urban design and planning and with academic experience and/or teaching experience in similar professional training programmes. Colleagues with experience in urban design and planning, sustainable urban development and heritage studies are especially encouraged to apply. International experience is a plus but not a must. Also, the basic understanding and/or interest in the region will be treated as advantage. The most effective composition of the team will be taken into account for the final selection.

The applicants are required to send the following:

- 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)
- Curriculum Vitae pointing out the relevant experience (please use the [ISOCARP Template](#))
- A portrait photograph (5x5 cm, in 300 dpi)
- A clear scan of your passport (photo page) and information whether you need a visa to China.

Please send as follows:

Family Name_Intent / Family Name_CV / Family Name_Photo / Family Name_Passport

Applications and CVs should be sent to Zeynep Gunay, VP YPP, gunay@isocarp.org.

SELECTION

An evaluation and final selection of candidates will be done by a Selection Committee formed by Zeynep Gunay, ISOCARP YPP VP and local coordinators. Selected candidates will be informed of their selection, after which they will have to confirm their availability and participation.

ANNEX

PROVISIONAL TIMELINE FOR WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Day 0 **July 22th, Sunday**

Arrival - Informal meeting (depending on YPPs' and coordinators' travel schedules)
Welcome Reception

Day 1 **July 23th, Monday**

Official welcome, short introductory lecture(s) by local and invited international experts
Site visit (by bus and/or on foot) allowing the participants to understand the character and issues associated with the selected site
Documentation of site-specific characteristics, formulation of the design / planning problems and spatial development strategy

Day 2 **July 24th, Tuesday**

Studio work in teams – defining the problem solutions at the macro scale and developing strategies and key projects of intervention
Group presentations and discussions

Day 3 **July 25th, Wednesday**

Studio work in teams – defining the specific proposals and key urban projects constituting the part of the strategy, while exploring different means of visual representation and presentations
Group presentations and discussions

Day 4 **July 26th, Thursday**

Studio work in teams – refinement of the proposed solutions, defining the specific proposals and implementation methods, while exploring different means of visual representation and presentations
Group presentations and discussions

Day 5 **July 27th, Friday**

Final preparations for public presentation and rehearsal
Public presentation and exhibition - Certificate Ceremony - Opening of the YPP exhibition

Day 6 **July 28th, Saturday**

Departure

October 1-4th, Monday - Friday

54th ISOCARP World Congress: "Cool Planning: Changing Climate and Our Urban Future"
Presentation of workshop results during one of the congress plenaries (date to be announced soon)

QUESTIONS

Any questions during these procedures and regarding the topic, on-site logistics and travel arrangement should be sent to VP YPP, Zeynep Gunay: gunay@isocarp.org.

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