




News, Conferences and Happenings



Managing Diversity Conference *1-3 October 2003 - Melbourne, Australia*

Overall Theme

The Diversity Challenge: Good Management, Excellent Organisations, Harmonious Communities.
<http://www.ManagingDiversityConference.com>

The conference aims to position 'diversity management' as an effective tool for creating innovative, 21st century organisations that generate equitable outcomes for both the internal and external communities they serve.

Hosted by the City of Darebin and supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Latrobe University and Common Ground Conferences, this event will provide a showcase for best practice as organisations find their way in a world increasingly aware of the necessity of embracing diversity as a key factor in establishing social equity and civic responsibility.


Conference sessions will include key presentations from pre-eminent critical thinkers and professionals in the area of diversity management. There will also be numerous papers and workshops presented by researchers and practitioners. The conference calls for presentation proposals and papers from across the field of diversity management.

Information on the conference, a call for presentations and the online submission and registration process, are to be found at the conference website.

The Managing Diversity Conference will provide an

exciting opportunity to share your knowledge and to stimulate your thinking on the new and challenging management approaches necessary for creating excellent organisations and harmonious communities.

We do hope you will be able to join us for this important and timely national conference.



Symposium: Placing Race and Localising Whiteness Adelaide *1-3 October 2003 - South Australia*

The symposium will host the inaugural meeting of the Australian Race and Whiteness Studies Association. It will provide an opportunity to explore new meanings of race and whiteness, and to make innovative connections between theory, policy and practice. It aims to bring together researchers from a range of disciplines in Social Sciences, Arts, Education, Law and Humanities pursuing critical research on race and whiteness, as well as policy makers and practitioners working on race and whiteness in government and non-government indigenous, multicultural, anti-racist and human rights organisations.

The symposium invites papers that focus on any aspect of critical race and whiteness studies and practices. Theoretical papers and empirically based work are equally welcome.

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National Housing Conference

Adelaide Convention Centre

26-28 November 2003 - Adelaide, Australia

Housing futures.....

Australia will undergo considerable demographic and social change in the next 10 to 20 years. The third National Housing Conference, which will focus on options for addressing housing needs in the future, will be held in Adelaide, South Australia on the 26th - 28th November 2003.

Conference hosts, the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute and the South Australian Department of Human Services have great pleasure in inviting you to attend this national forum.

This is an opportunity to share our vision to improve housing and living environments for all Australians, as delegates from around Australia and overseas bring their expertise to confront the challenges of the future. Research, policy and practice papers presented at the conference will extend the evidence base and collective knowledge for future policy and program decisions.

The conference program has been designed to incorporate the diversity of issues and interests in housing – from planning and design, to financing, to government policy and beyond. The innovative ways in which communities are meeting the emerging challenges of housing supply and affordability are also a focus.

We look forward to welcoming you to an event that will draw together the insight of individuals from a wide range of backgrounds and perspectives spanning the public, private and community sectors as well as providing a unique opportunity to keep contact with colleagues in housing fields from Australia and overseas.

Conference Themes

- Building Community and Individual Well-Being
- Future Housing Need and Housing Programs
- Partnerships, Finance & Management in the Future Society

- Matching Built Environments to Future Demand

Conference Website:

<http://www.nationalhousingconference.org.au>

National Conference on the State of Australian Cities

December 3-6, 2003 - Parramatta, Australia

You are invited to attend the National Conference on the State of Australian Cities to be held at Parramatta on 3 - 6 December 2003.

The conference will be the first academically focused national conference on urban issues in Australia for at least a decade. In a period when Australian cities have undergone substantial change there has been no comparable academic gathering to explore the processes and outcomes of these changes or their policy implications.

The Conference will have four broad aims:

1. To review the condition of the contemporary Australian City, based on the latest empirical evidence, in order to better understand current patterns, processes and drivers and how they relate to the range of pressures produced by population growth and change, environmental pressures, market liberalisation and globalisation.
2. To identify research gaps and suggest areas that need to be given priority for research funding.
3. To identify and showcase policy relevant research.
4. To provide a forum for dialogue between researchers, practitioners and policy makers.

The conference aims to provide a focus for new urban scholarship and will aim to bring together the most prominent academics working in this area in Australia together with new researchers and others policy makers and practitioners who are interested in the Australian city.

The principal intention is to lead to a dialogue between leading researchers on the state of Australian cities and where they might be headed. The conference is designed to lead to a better understanding of the research needs of Australian cities and to provide those in the public and private sectors with a better appreciation of the current state and capacities of researchers.

Themes

The Conference will focus on the contemporary form and structure of Australian cities. The overarching conference meta-themes will be:

‘Growth, Sustainability, and Vulnerability’

The conference proceedings will be grouped into six key sub-themes, each the focus of one of more conference sessions:

- The urban economy - economic change and labour market outcomes of globalisation, land use pressures, changing employment locations.
- Social conditions including population, migration, immigration, polarisation, equity and disadvantage, housing issues, recreation.
- The urban environment - sustainable development, management and performance, natural resource management, limits to growth, impacts of air, water, climate, energy consumption, natural resource uses, conservation, green space.
- Changing spatial structure the emerging morphology of the city inner suburbs, middle suburbs, the CBD, outer suburbs and the urban-rural fringe, the city region.
- Governance, finance and accountability including taxation, provision of urban services, public policy formation, planning, urban government, citizenship and the democratic process.
- The connected city transport, mobility, accessibility, communications and IT, and other urban infrastructure provision.

Organisation

The Conference will run for two and a half days. Days one and two will begin with a Federal Vision of the City statement (from the Federal Government and Opposition). The NSW Premier will be invited to provide a closing address on the Vision of Sydney in the 21st Century in the final pre-lunch session on day three. Sub-theme sessions will run concurrently. All sessions to be chaired in an active manner by members of the theme selection committees, who will also act as rapporteurs for the plenary sessions. Each theme session will allow full discussion of each paper presented. All poster papers will be discussed ‘at the stand’.

Attendance

The Conference is targeted at academics; policy makers, practitioners and others interested in urban Australia.

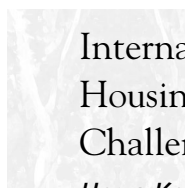
Optional extras

A number of optional fieldtrips and ‘mobile seminars’ will be arranged to explore aspects of the conference themes.

Registration

Registration of intention to participate in the Conference either as an academic author or as a delegate. Should be sent in the first instance to: Professor Patrick Troy, Secretary to the National Sponsoring Committee at: Patrick.troy@anu.edu.au

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International Housing Conference Housing in the 21st Century: Challenges and Commitments

*Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition
Centre - 2-4 February 2004*

The extraordinary socio-economic changes in recent years in many parts of the world, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, and the further globalization of the world economy have brought tremendous changes in housing, posing unprecedented challenges to governments, the private sector and housing consumers. While some countries may have already launched reforms to deal with the changes, many are still searching for new directions and are looking to the reform experiences of counterparts elsewhere.

The conference will provide an opportune forum for policy makers, academics and practitioners from different countries to exchange experiences and ideas, as well as to discuss issues of common concern. It will also provide opportunities to examine and analyse regional problems in an international perspective, to identify challenges ahead, and to explore new dimensions and innovative solutions.

Themes

Transformations in housing policies, the role of government and the market

Globalization and housing development

Sustainable housing for healthy living

Conference Organiser

Hong Kong Housing Authority

Supporting Organisations

The Asia-Pacific Network for Housing Research and Hong Kong Housing Research Network, and professional institutions in housing and planning etc.

Conference Website:

<http://www.housingauthority.gov.hk/en/ihc>

APNHR Conference

Housing and Social Development:
Emerging Theoretical Issues in
Asia-Pacific

Graduate House, University of Hong Kong
5-6 February 2004

The Asia-Pacific Network for Housing Research (APNHR), established in 2001, provides a platform for researchers, policy makers, practitioners and students to exchange ideas on policies, research and training in the housing field. Its aim is to enhance research, strengthen networking and facilitate education for all related parties in the housing field in the region.

This conference provides a forum to explore theoretical issues emerging in the housing systems of Asia-Pacific, given their social-cultural, political and economic contexts. Theorization of housing experience in other regions is also welcome to provide comparisons. Researchers, policy makers, practitioners and students in housing related fields are invited to present papers and attend the conference.

Themes

Housing and Culture

Housing, social policy and social justice

Housing and development strategies

Urban growth and housing poverty

Housing theories

Workshops will be organised around the above themes, participants are also welcome to convene workshops on other topics relating to the aims and themes of the conference.

Conference Organisers

Centre of Urban Planning & Environmental Management, The University of Hong Kong, APNHR Hong Kong Sub-committee.

Conference Website:

<http://web.hku.hk/~apnhr/ap/conference.htm>