# Sustainable Cities & Landscapes Virtual Postgraduate Student Symposium -Organized by the Urban Landscape Biodiversity Working Group, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Reconciling Cities with Nature in the Post Covid Era: Landscape Approaches and Strategies



#### Introduction

The 5th Annual Sustainable Cities and Landscape Conference will be held from 6-9 September at Hawaii. Shanghai Jiao Tong University supported by APRU, will co-host an online Student Symposium titled "Reconciling Cities with Nature in the Post Covid Era: Landscape Approaches and Strategies", which is now open to Postgraduate students (including postdoctoral fellows) from the Pacific Rim for registration. All accepted applicants will present their work and be able to discuss their research with our group members from the academia.

Since winter 2019, the outbreak of Covid has severely affected cities and large populations around the world. In this post-Covid era, how to reshape natural and social structures in cities through landscape renewal, to promote reconciliation between cities and nature, and to build more resilient urban space and natural systems has become a topic of general concern in the current international communities.

Biodiversity is the foundation of urban ecosystems and an important guarantee for sustainable development. City is a complex ecosystem with environment as the basis and the

social structure as the meridian. Human activities and built environment are part of the natural process. During Covid, many environmental problems have been exposed, which have become both challenges and opportunities for urban construction. How to reshape and strengthen the relationship between human and nature, and reconcile nature with society in urban areas? How to adjust the urban environment and social contradictions exposed during the pandemic to form natural-friendly urban spatial patterns and industrial structures? Lively cross-cultural dialogues and discussions will be launched in this symposium.

#### Time & Format

September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am to noon

Format: virtual Language: English

#### **Call for Abstracts**

Postgraduate students are encouraged to present their works from different perspectives across theory, planning, design, policy and technology, for example

- Urban landscape renewal strategies in the post-Covid era based on the understanding of natural and humanistic systems
- Restoration of the natural and social structures with urban public participation
- Urban environmental problems and regeneration strategies during Covid

#### **Submission Deadline**

Send the following documents to <a href="mailto:sdesign@situ.edu.cn">sdesign@situ.edu.cn</a> before August 20<sup>th</sup>

- 1. One A4 page of title and abstract (see annex 1). This document will be blind reviewed. Please do not include any other information.
- 2. One A4 page of personal introduction to include your name, institution, major, supervisor, CV, contact information and etc. (see annex 2).
- 3. Subject line of the email should be Name + Institution + APRU Student Symposium

#### Outcome

- Give a presentation on the student symposium.
- Receive a certificate of presentation at the student symposium.
- A full report of compilation will be published as the 5th Annual Sustainable Cities and Landscape Conference- Urban Landscape Biodiversity Working Group Chapter.

### **Title**

**Abstract:** The total number of words in the abstract should not exceed 600 words. The abstract should be formatted in A4 layout. The layout should be set at the upper and lower left and right edges of each page, leaving 2.5cm. The content of the abstract should be single-line spacing. The English text is all Times New Roman and the font size is 12 pt.

**Keywords:** one, two, three, etc. (Use "keywords" style)

## **Personal Introduction**

The total number of words in the personal introduction should not exceed one A4 paper. Please include information of your name, institution, major, supervisor, CV and contact details etc.