



LANDSCAPE EUROPE Newsletter – January 2015

Dear Landscape Europe Network readers,

We have prepared a new issue of the Landscape Europe News.

You can find in it a few interesting offers:

- a **position of Post Doctoral Researcher** at FUSE – Future Urban Sustainable Environments, Landscape Architecture, Planning and Management,
- the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) calls for **volunteer writers**,
- the Institute of Urbanism and Landscape at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO) offers a **position of Professor or Associate Professor** at landscape architecture,
- a **permanent junior scientist position** based at INRA Montpellier, France,
- a **PhD fellowship** in transforming peri-urban space

For PhD and Master students there is an offer for a **Summer School On Alpine Plant Life**.

The following information includes **events and conferences** that are planned for 2015. The newsletter ends with the **LAND call for 2016 special issue proposals**.

I would like to thank you those who informed us about new job offers and events.

In case, you would like to support us with new information for the next issue, please do so. The next issue will focus on recent **publications**. Take advantage of the next issue topic and let us all know about your, your colleagues or projects recent publications.

Wishing you interesting reading and looking forward to receive your comments and inputs for the next issue of the LE-News.



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With kindest regards

Jana Borovská and the ILE SAS team
Network coordination Office



POST DOC POSITION



Position as a Post Doctoral Researcher

at FUSE – Future Urban Sustainable Environments (2 years)

Landscape Architecture, Planning and Management

Landskapsarkitektur, planering och förvaltning

FUSE is a thematic overarching and strategic research platform, where researchers at SLU in collaboration with industry, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and researchers affiliated with other universities develop research on sustainable urban development, with specific focus on three themes; Urban Greenery and Forestry in a Compact City; Systems Landscape – From Region to Urban Districts; and Transforming Urban Sites. Further information about the platform and its themes; www.slu.se/fuse. FUSE is offering a two-year position as a post-doctoral researcher with the aim of developing and conducting research projects with focus on Urban Greenery and Forestry in a Compact City or Transforming Urban Sites. A cross topic approach could also be of interest.

Duties: The position offered involves developing research projects and to conduct research within the platform's defined focus. The research will be carried out in collaboration with the research group within FUSE and its partners. The focus of the research is determined by the submitted application and in concurrence with FUSE strategic plan and other ongoing research projects pursued within the platform.

Qualifications: We are looking for a young researcher with experience from conducting research on sustainable urban development, either within your dissertation or thereafter. You should preferably have completed your PhD within the last 5 years and in a research area relevant to the FUSE research platform. Your background may be related to planning or design, alternatively to natural or social sciences, but you should be interested in cross disciplinary work. Experience of cross disciplinary research is considered an asset, as is experience of working in an international environment and with international connections. You should be fluent in spoken and written English. Ability to deploy various means of representation is of interest. Collaboration and communication skills are considered to be important. The selection of applicants will be based on your experience, and your suggestions for research to conduct within the post-doctoral position. Significant emphasis will be placed on assessing the personal characteristics of the applicant.

Place of work: Alnarp

Form of employment: 100% during two years

Starting date: By agreement

Application:

We welcome your application marked with **Ref no. SLU ua 5173/2014.**

Deadline:

Please submit your application to the Registrar of SLU, P.O. Box 7070, SE-750 07 Uppsala, Sweden or registrator@slu.se no later than **February 16, 2015.**

Specific documents attached:

1. Research proposal within one of the two thematic areas listed above. Cross topic approaches are also of interest. The relevance of the proposed research and the platform's strategic focus should specifically be stated. Describe the intended research questions, methods, theories and potential collaborations. (1,5- 2 pages)
2. A summary of your experiences and a description of why you are suitable for this post
3. CV
4. At least three references

Link:<http://www.slu.se/sv/om-slu/fristaende-sidor/aktuellt/lediga-tjanster/las-mer/?eng=1&Pid=1716>

IFLA CALLS FOR VOLUNTEER WRITERS

The International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)



is looking for talented and motivated volunteer writers, reporters and investigative journalists interested in topics related to landscape architecture and design, sustainability and environmental challenges. Stories completed by the due date will be mainly published on web based media with opportunities to be published as well in newspapers, magazines, and newsletters.

Candidates must have high proficient writing and editing skills in English, web-based media knowledge and experience (e.g. wordpress), strong interviewing skills and knowledge on MS Office or similar. Media contacts are a plus.

Topics of interest

We're interested in exposes, news articles, interviews, and investigative reports concerning landscape architecture such as:

1. landscape, history, culture and identity
2. eco-cities and sustainable design solution
3. waterscapes
4. contemporary trends and innovative technologies
5. design for everyone performance and mobility
6. multi-diversity, ethnicity and design

7. social learning and community engagement
8. new research and methodologies
9. healthy cities and healthy lives
10. land art and temporary landscapes
11. environment and behaviour
12. regional planning, infrastructures
13. international initiatives
14. review of landscape projects
15. victories, successes and inspirational stories

How to apply:

If you think you might be a good candidate for this role, send an email to communications@iflaonline.org containing the following as a single file (PDF or DOC):

1. Short CV with your qualifications and experience (max of 2 pages)
2. Motivation letter about why you want to write/work with us (max 1 page)
3. One writing sample (max 1 page) and/or a link to a blog or website if you have one

Deadline: 6 February 2015

More information available on the pamphlet below or by visiting www.iflaonline.org

Link: <http://iflaonline.org/call-for-volunteer-writers/#more-2977>"

**PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

**The Institute of Urbanism and Landscape at the Oslo
School of Architecture and Design (AHO)**



seeks a full time Professor or Associate Professor. The school is especially interested in individuals who can contribute to the ongoing development of teaching and research in our Landscape Architecture programme. Faculties at the institute are typically involved in teaching in the undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate programmes.

Location: Institute of Urbanism and Landscape, Oslo, Norway

Type: Full-time

Deadline: 28 February 2015

Link: <http://aho.easycruit.com/vacancy/1307619/87299?iso=no>

PERMANENT JUNIOR SCIENTIST POSITION

Permanent junior scientist position based at INRA Montpellier, France

Modelling conflicts and synergies between forest ecosystem services



Job description: Understanding the conflicts and synergies between various ecosystem services is fundamental for an optimal management of forests. These relationships will be investigated in different temperate and tropical forest ecosystems. The scientist will be integrated into an interdisciplinary team and will develop mathematical models to analyse and predict the interactions between tree growth and forest ecosystem services (carbon sequestration, soil conservation and biodiversity). Using existing databases and working in collaboration with diverse INRA and international laboratories, the scientist will also complete knowledge gaps in data. A strong competence in mathematical modelling is required (e.g. partial differential equations, ordinary differential equations, discrete modelling) and/or statistics (e.g. stochastic processes and Bayesian models). Experience in interdisciplinary research, for example ecology or agriculture, will be a bonus.

Level required: PhD or equivalent. A good level of English language is desired. If the scientist recruited has not had any post-doctoral experience, they should endeavor to pass a short sabbatical in a separate laboratory, preferably abroad, before they are promoted to CR1.

Job profile number: CR2-2015-7-EFPA-1

Submission deadline for application package: 2 March 2015

Download application forms at: http://jobs.inra.fr/en/offers/emploi_perm

For more details, please contact:

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or

Dr Alexia Stokes (alexia.stokes@cirad.fr)

The position will be based at:

Plant Architectural Modelling and Bioinformatics Laboratory (AMAP)

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Bld de la Lironde, 34398 Montpellier cedex 5, France

<http://amap.cirad.fr>

PHD FELLOWSHIP: TRANSFORMING PERI-URBAN SPACE

The Oslo School of Architecture and Design



Arkitektur- og designhøgskolen i Oslo
The Oslo School of Architecture and Design

calls for applications to the full-time position as Ph.D. research fellow for a three-year period. The research fellow will be part of a research environment at the institute of Urbanism and Landscape focused on studying and understanding spatial challenges and conditions for urbanization processes, with a particular attention to the peri-urban areas of the Oslo region, see The Oslo Region Project on www.oculs.no. The position is at the Institute of Urbanism and Landscape. For the full description see www.aho.no

Location: Institute of Urbanism and Landscape, Oslo, Norway

Type: Full-time

Deadline: 28 February 2015

Link: http://iflaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/phd_UL_email.pdf

SUMMER SCHOOL ON ALPINE PLANT LIFE

UNIVERSITÄT BASEL



Lecturers: Prof. Christian Körner, Prof. Jürg Stöcklin, Dr. Erika Hiltbrunner (University of Basel)

Location: ALPFOR research station, Furka Pass

Dates: 20. - 25. 07. 2015

Credit Points: 3 ECTS

Jointly organized by the Zürich-Basel Plant Science Center, the University of Basel and ALPFOR

Course Objectives: This field course for **PhD** and **Master** students offers an introduction to the functional ecology of alpine plants. It will cover bioclimatology, soil ecology, ecophysiology, functional morphology, population biology, reproduction biology, community ecology and biodiversity. The station is surrounded by a great variety of typical alpine vegetation, including glacier forfields.

Course Program: The course will combine lectures and field work, with the schedule adjusted to weather conditions for outdoor activities. Participants will also work on small

supervised projects, the results of which will be presented and discussed in a final poster session (both field and laboratory works).

Prior Knowledge/Reading: Basic training in plant science. It is strongly recommended that participants that had no previous training in functional ecology, work through the (free) electronic course [ALPANDINO](#) and literature: Ch. Körner (2003) *Alpine Plant Life* (2nd ed.) Springer, Berlin

Number of Participants: Participation is limited to 25 people

Registration: Please make a pre-registration to franziska.grob-at-unibas.ch until **2 March 2015** and register regularly through MOnA (Unibas).

Link: <https://botanik.unibas.ch/studium/feldkurse/alpine-ecology-summer-school-on-alpine-plant-life/#c41294>

EVENTS

Capacity Building Training Workshops

16 – 20 March 2015 in New York City, NY - United States



23 – 27 March 2015 in Warsaw – Poland

Link: <http://greenforest-institute.org/>

Area: Environmental, Economic, Cultural and Social Sustainability

More than 20 innovative and informative workshops sessions, interactive discussions and impactful networking prospects will comprise the Environment, Culture, Economy and Society international Seminars themed Capacity Building and Sustainability Enhancement, presented by The Green Forest Institute. Participants will be exposed to a variety of innovative solutions to common problems faced in the sustainable development sector and beyond, and gained tools for finding new ways to approach and solve their organization's challenges.

Overview:

This program uses a multi-sector, participatory approach that focuses on empowerment of people as both the ends and means of a sustainable development process. Rather than teaching prescriptive solutions to community problems, we provide you with the tools to use the community's input and vision to create options and solutions that truly meet community needs. The program helps you learn through case studies, exercises, and group discussions, providing a complete learning environment. You will learn from, and share experiences with, practitioners working in the field around the world. This program gives experienced practitioners a fresh perspective and provides novices and volunteers the training they need to be successful working in the field of development. **The complete courses list and**

description can be found on the program webpage at: <http://greenforest-institute.org/seminar/trainingcourses.html>

Expect participants are from: Governments and International Organizations, Civil Society, the Business Public and Private Sectors, Academics Institutions and Leaders and Private Individuals amongst others.

Sponsorship:

We are informing you of the availability of attendance sponsorship intended to cover the participation of delegates from organizations from middle and low income countries. The sponsorship is to encourage quality research, mobility and networking among participants. For more information and availability, please contact the Registration Desk.

Registration:

To register for the events, please email the Organizing Committee at registration@greenforest-institute.org for the registration modalities and requirements. You are required to confirm your participation via email before starting the registration process on the events website.

CHeriScape Conferences

Conference III: Landscape As Community

18-22 May 2015 in Oslo, Norway



Conference IV: Facing Global Change Through Landscape

October 2015 in Madrid, Spain

Links: <http://www.cheriscape.ugent.be/conferences/conference-3/>

<http://www.cheriscape.ugent.be/conferences/conference-4/>

At the heart of the CHeriScape initiative is an integrated series of five conferences to be held in 2014, 2015 and 2016. These CHeriScape Conferences will be:

- researched-focused, looking beyond the limits of the state of the art in each topic;
- practice-focused, finding social and environmental benefit in the landscape/heritage synergy.

Each conference will explore a different aspect of the importance to society of 'landscape as heritage' – in the fields of policy, science and research, community, global change and virtual futures. Under these banners we will bring together researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and stakeholders, notably among the JPI-CH community, We will invite prominent and influential invited speakers from heritage and landscape fields to open up our debates, and to complement the experience of the CHeriScape team and our associates, thus helping us to harness the ideas and experience of a wide range of experts, thinkers and practitioners.

Underlying all five events will be awareness that the potential of heritage to provide social benefits and of landscape perspectives to inform mainstream policy-making have not yet been fully realised. A combination of the two will offer new opportunities in line with the **Faro Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society** and the **European Landscape Convention**.

Nature and Urban Wellbeing Nature-Based Solutions to Societal Challenges

18 - 20 May 2015

Ghent, Belgium



Link: <http://www.alter-net.info/outputs/conf-2015>

Conference aims

This inter-disciplinary conference will address key scientific and applied questions, discuss underpinning information, provide new perspectives, and develop partnerships. It will:

- Provide a forum for dialogue across fields of research, policy and practice engaged in nature and urban well-being
- Evaluate conditions and options for upscaling Nature-Based Solutions
- Build on previous work, knowledge and experience to develop innovations in Nature-Based Solutions.

Call for sessions and papers

The conference will be arranged around plenary and parallel sessions and panel discussions. Researchers, decision-makers and practitioners are invited to propose sessions and presentations in a variety of formats on Nature-Based Solutions in urban settings and beyond.

Who is the conference aimed at?

- Researchers from all disciplines
- Policymakers and authorities on all levels
- Businesses and solution providers
- Urban planners
- Health professionals
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Educationalists

Contacts

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- Hans Keune and Tessa Van Santen, Research Institute for Nature & Forests (INBO), hans.keune@inbo.be tessa.vanSanten@inbo.be

Venue: <http://www.thagaste.be/>

Additional information & to register: www.alter-net.info

Register by **30th April 2015**

Deadline for abstracts : **15th February 2015**

Motivations and arguments to act for biodiversity.

Alternative ways to inspire innovative policy making.

10th–11 June 2015

Brussels, Les Ateliers des Tanneurs

Link: <http://biogov.uclouvain.be/Besafe-Biomot-Conference-June2015/index.html>



Organised by the [BESAFE research consortium](#), the [BIOMOT research consortium](#) and the [BIOGOV research unit](#) at Université catholique de Louvain. Funded by the FP7 programme of the European Union, and the National Research Foundation, Belgium (F.R.S.-FNRS).

Objectives of the Call for papers

This call for papers will explore the full richness of approaches to arguments and motivations for the transition towards biodiversity-embracing societies in the EU and the consequences for innovative policy making:

- Analyses from environmental and ecological economics, governance theory, environmental psychology and philosophy, landscape architecture, anthropology, linguistics and discourse analysis, and other disciplines
- Integrated studies of specific exemplary cases of arguments and motivations, and innovative policy making, at work in any field of biodiversity or landscape actions, e.g. from general policy making, management of natural parks and nature reserves, natural forest management, peatland restoration, business enterprises in action for biodiversity, iconic animal protection or reintroduction, agro-biodiversity programmes or biodiversity infrastructure in man-made environments

Deadline for abstract submission

Extended abstracts on one of these topics should be sent for the **15th of February 2015** to maria.porrasgomez@uclouvain.be.



Mountain Forest Management in a Changing World

7-9 July 2015

High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia

Link: <http://www.nlcsk.sk/mfm-conference/Default.aspx>

The conference will provide the opportunity to discuss the potentials and limitations of current and possible future approaches to mountain forest management that are aimed at continuously providing portfolios of ecosystem services not only under current, but particularly under future climatic and socio-economic conditions.

Themes of the conference are

- Potentials and limitations of current management approaches to provide multiple ecosystem services
- Climate change impacts on ecosystem service provisioning in mountain forests
- Disturbance regimes in mountain forests and implications for ecosystem services
- Alternative management strategies in mountain forests and consequences on ecosystem service provisioning
- Decision support tools for mountain forest management
- Governance approaches to secure multiple ecosystem service provisioning in the future

Important dates:

Abstract submission: 15 February 2015

Feedback on acceptance of abstracts: 15 March 2015

Early registration deadline: 30 March 2015

Late registration deadline: 15 May 2015

Our Common Future Under Climate Change

7-10 July 2015

Paris, France

Link: <http://www.commonfuture-paris2015.org/>



This four-day Conference is the largest forum for the scientific community to come together ahead of the [COP21 of the UNFCCC in 2015](#).

The Conference will be organized in a number of different sessions, allowing for broad participation across a variety of disciplines and themes and encouraging open and multi-disciplinary dialogue.

The Conference will explore the following themes :

Day 1: State of Knowledge on Climate Change :

Bringing together the latest knowledge from both natural and social sciences, this day addresses the cross-cutting issues related to observed changes in the climate system. It explores drivers and impacts, including GHG emissions, climate variability, extreme events, and physical-ecological-social interactions, connecting both advances and gaps in knowledge across sectors and regions.

Day 2: Landscapes of Our Common Future

Looking at future scenarios in the context of the climate change, this day explores possible impacts across and between systems and sectors both in the medium (2030-2050) and long term (2070 and beyond). Contrasted scenarios are investigated as well as their consequences on the interactions between physical, ecological and human systems. An emphasis is placed on examining risks and uncertainties, thresholds and tipping points.

Day 3: Responding to Climate Change Challenges:

This day addresses mitigation and adaptation options, highlighting scientific and technological breakthroughs and discussing barriers, trade-offs, co-benefits, risks and feedbacks. It explores local and regional responses, and discusses pathways for integration across sectors and stakeholders, emphasizing the need for bottom-up approaches that will be explored through the examples of local and regional case studies.

Day 4: Collective Action and Transformative Solutions:

This final day of the conference explores transformative solutions to climate change from a cross-sectoral perspective in order to reach integrated solutions especially through collaboration. This includes solutions across a range of disciplines, sectors and stakeholders that encompass technological, institutional, economic and behavioural changes that will lead to transformative pathways to climate change challenges, from the near to long term, and at multiple scales.

Important dates:

- 19 January 2015: Opening of the Call for Contributions (Oral, Poster)
- Early February 2015: Call for Side Events
- Early February 2015: Opening of Conference registration
- Early February 2015: Opening fo the hotel booking system
- 02 March 2015: Deadline for the Call for Contributions (Oral, Poster)

**ICCB : 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology
4th European Congress for Conservation Biology**

2-6 August 2015

Montpellier, France

Link: <http://iccb-eccb2015.org/>



The **Society for Conservation Biology** (SCB) is proud to team up for the first time with **Agropolis international** and the **French Foundation for Research on Biodiversity** (FRB) to host the 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) and the 4th European Congress for Conservation Biology (ECCB) to be held on August 2-6, 2015 in Montpellier, France.

The joint meeting brings together our international community of conservation professionals to address conservation challenges and present new findings, initiatives, methods, tools and opportunities in conservation science and practice. It's also a marvelous opportunity to welcome scientists and conservationists from around the world to Europe. Scientists, students, managers, decision-makers, writers, and other conservation professionals across the globe are invited to participate in this event.

IUFRO Symposium:

Ecosystem Services and the Need to Be Incorporated into Forest Management Practices to Balance Multiple Uses at Different Scales

Tartu, Estonia

23-30 August 2015

Link: <http://iufrole2015.to.ee/>



Organizers: Sandra Luque, IRSTEA & Guillermo Martínez Pastur, CADIC CONICET

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Background/Relevance

The incorporation of the ecosystem service (ES) concept into the framework of forest management stems from a need to create a more holistic perception of forests, recognizing not only their economic value, but also their cultural and ecological values. Yet, despite improved understanding of the potential of landscapes and their land use systems to provide human well-being and socio-economic benefits, further conceptual and empirical work is needed to translate the concepts into operational frameworks for integrating ES into

management and decision-making. Integrative forest management practices at the landscape level are complex and require the understanding of critical patterns at different scales levels and their reciprocal interrelationship through processes.

Goal:

Within this framework, we stress the importance of an integrative landscape level perspective towards managing forests while balancing biodiversity and conservation targets.

Scope:

We welcome presentations that relate forest management and conservation efforts within an ecosystem services perspective. It is particularly important, to provide examples worldwide in order to grant different insights on the spatial explicit distribution of ecosystem services and how they can be influenced by forest management (land use, climate) and its relation with monetary and non-monetary values. It will be important also to present Spatial explicit methods that could help to identify and map conflicts in between timber productivity and biodiversity conservation to balance different interests

Speakers are invited to address the following key issues in relation with the Conference topics:

- As a relatively new concept, there is still uncertainty regarding the best way to integrate ES into forest management, therefore, we are looking for examples oriented towards a landscape approach (i.e. regionally tailored management) and avoidance of a single dominant management.
- The benefits of introducing the ES concept in new strategies of forest management and biodiversity conservation at different spatial scales. Examples showing how we are moving from the plot level to a holistic landscape vision of management
- Provide examples on balancing trade-offs between different services to obtain multifunctional ecosystems. Highlight conflicts derived from “balancing” decisions regarding different trade- offs.
- Provide case study examples on how multiple land-uses and forest management strategies might change in response to uncertain future drivers and mitigation measures.

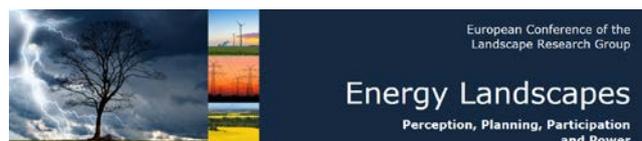
Format: a half day (3hs) with a discussion time at the end and a poster session linked to the symposium (a time slot for short 5 min presentation around posters at a given time)

Energy Landscapes: Perception, Planning, Participation and Power.

16-18 September 2015

Dresden, Germany

Link: <http://lrg2015.ioer.info/index.html>



The [Landscape Research Group](#) organises a European conference on ***Energy Landscapes: Perception, Planning, Participation and Power***. The conference is hosted by the [Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development](#) and will take place on September 16-18, 2015, in Dresden, Germany.

Key questions to be discussed are:

- **Perception** – How is the character, perception, assessment and social construction of landscapes influenced by present and past uses of energy?
- **Planning** – Which types of landscape-related planning and governance regimes exist and how are they linked to landscape planning, spatial planning and energy policy?
- **Participation** – In the face of energy transitions, to what extent are landscape policies inclusive and participatory? Which actors are involved and who is constituted as an actor in this regard?
- **Power** – Which power relations shape the interplay of energies and landscapes? How can the workings of power be conceptualised and critically reflected?

Contributions which take up issues of perception, planning, participation or power in relation to other landscape transformations, but without explicitly referring to energy, will also be welcome.

Call for abstracts

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **February 28, 2015**.

'Perth III: Mountains of Our Future Earth'

4-8 October 2015

Perth, Scotland,

Link: www.perthmountains2015.com



The [Centre for Mountain Studies](#) at Perth College, [University of the Highlands & Islands](#), in collaboration with the [Mountain Research Initiative](#) (MRI) and the [Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment](#) (GMBA), is organising a third conference 'Mountains of Our Future Earth'.

Conference aims

1. To present, evaluate and synthesise progress in our understanding of global change in mountain regions, and share examples of innovative approaches, particularly in terms of progress towards addressing the gaps in global research in mountain regions;
2. To refine and agree agendas for collaborative research and action relating to global change and mountain regions, and to significantly increase the use of applied research findings on the ground in mountain regions;

To foster effective interdisciplinary and international interactions between participants: researchers, practitioners, and policy-makers

Abstracts

You can use the online system to submit an abstract for all of the session themes until **27 February 2015**. This deadline will not be extended.

Submissions are invited for oral presentations to:

- 37 research presentation session themes;
- 18 round table discussions.

LAND CALLS FOR 2016 SPECIAL ISSUE PROPOSALS

The editors of *Landscape and Urban Planning (LAND)* invite proposals for Special Issues (SI) of the journal to be published in 2016. **Proposals are due on July 1, 2015**. A detailed description of the journal's SI policy is at: <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/landscape-and-urban-planning/policies/>.

This year we welcome proposals that fall within the broad theme "Futures of Urban Landscapes". This theme will encompass proposals on a wide range of emerging or enduring topics that relate to urban landscape change, drivers, effects, and future states at local to global scales. Proposals may address novel theories, methods, or planning and design applications. International perspectives are encouraged. Proposed topics should

(1) contribute to the knowledge base of landscape science, which brings landscape ecology and urban ecology together with other fields to address landscape change;

(2) enhance human understanding of socio-ecological processes that influence landscape change; and

(3) be relevant to the planning, design, and management of sustainable urban landscapes.

Consistent with LAND's Aims and Scope, proposals should conceptualize urban landscapes as integrative and visible socio-ecological systems of natural, physical, cultural, social, and aesthetic properties across different spatial-temporal scales.

Because Elsevier will host a large, multidisciplinary international conference pertaining to the general theme "The Future of Cities"/ "Urban Transitions" in Shanghai, China, in September 2016, we will strongly encourage authors of accepted SI proposals to conduct *LAND-affiliated symposia* at this conference (information about a LAND-affiliated symposium is available in our SI policy referenced above; information about the 2016 Elsevier conference will be shared with the authors as soon as it becomes available).

We recommend that prospective proposal authors carefully examine past SIs, review articles, and perspective essays published in LAND (a list of these items can be found on LAND's website under *Policies and Guidelines*), to ensure that the proposed SI is distinct from, yet builds on, existing knowledge, and is critically responsive to recent perspectives.

All proposals should be submitted by email attachment on or before **July 1, 2015**, to LAND's Senior Editorial Assistant, Ms Ying Chen, at ychen@des.ecnu.edu.cn. Inquires should be directed to the Co-Editors-in-Chief, Joan Iverson Nassauer (nassauer@umich.edu) and Wei-Ning Xiang (wnxiang@mail.ecnu.edu.cn).

Link: <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/landscape-and-urban-planning/news/call-for-2016-special-issue-proposals/>
