

Call for Submissions

The 6th International Symposium on Space Syntax will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, during the week 12-15 June 2007 and will be hosted by the Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Architecture. The aim of the symposium is to bring together the scholars, researchers and designers from all over the world who are currently working on space syntax and related methods, to make and hear presentations of recent work, take part in discussions of theoretical and methodological issues, and explore directions for future inquiry.

As a set of techniques for analyzing spatial patterns in buildings and cities, and an associated body of theories linking space and society, space syntax is now one of the most influential scientific movements in the field of architecture and planning. Space syntax, originally proposed by Professor Bill Hillier and his colleagues at University College London, has been used to treat spatial configuration as an independent variable in a variety of studies of the social functions, cultural significance and behavioural implications of built space, in contemporary and historical contexts. Space syntax has also been used to explore, evaluate and predict the likely effects of design alternatives. Thus “space syntax” has come to interact with a variety of fields of inquiry and to support a plurality of theoretical developments. This is clearly documented in a cumulative record of contributions at the International Space Syntax Symposiums, held in London (1997), Brasilia (1999), Atlanta (2001), London (2003), Delft (2005), respectively.

The Themes of the Symposium

Papers which deal with Architectural Theory, Computation in Architecture & Urban Space, Urban Analysis, Building Morphology, and Design Issues will be accepted for presentation for the Symposium.

Architectural Theory	Analytic Theories in Architecture Science and Architecture Society and Space Space Syntax: Next Generation
Computation in Architecture & Urban Space	Computational Theories Applied in Design Computing, Communications and Space Advanced Digital Technologies New Dimensions in Space Syntax
Urban Analysis	Urban Space and Structure Urban Growth and Form Urban Morphology Movement and Urban Grid Urban Navigation and Cognition Security, Safety and Crime in Urban Structures Spatial and/or Functional Analysis at the Urban Level Urban Inter-relations
Building Morphology	Spatial and/or Functional Analysis of Buildings Work and Organizational Environments Domestic Culture and Space Morphology and Meaning in Domestic Space The dwelling and its Inhabitants Embodied Societies, Minds, Extra-somatic World
Design Issues	Morphology and Design Research and Design Practice Evolutionary Approaches in Design Generative Design in Architecture Design Simulations New Applications in Design Practice

Keynote Speakers

International space syntax symposiums have been venues where the space syntax community has come together with researchers from related disciplines and fields of inquiry. We hope to continue this tradition with themed sessions that will feature invited speakers.

The Symposium will be held under three categories: 1. Workshops, 2. Short Papers with poster presentations and 3. Papers.

Workshops

The symposium will be preceded by three optional Workshops.

1. Space syntax in my PhD,
2. New developments in space syntax software,
3. From research to design: space syntax in architecture & urban practice.

Short papers with poster presentations

Poster presentations will form a major part of the 6th International Symposium, to allow participants to discuss a wider range of inquiries in a formal as well as an informal manner and to encourage the fermentation of research programs and initiatives. To reflect the importance that will be given to poster presentations, every poster will be associated with a short paper that will be published in the conference proceedings. These should normally be about 1500 words, including abstracts of no more than 200 words, but not including references. Short papers should under no circumstances exceed 2000 words. Illustrations and diagrams should be such that they could fit, without loss of necessary detail, in at most two A4 pages. However, each diagram and illustration should be presented on a separate sheet at the time of submission. The composition of the final pages is the responsibility of the editors of the proceedings. After the referees have selected the best papers, formatting guidelines will be issued regarding the final short papers to be printed in the proceedings as well as the posters to be displayed in the symposium. Further details and instructions for the presentation and display of posters will be released when successful submissions have been identified.

Papers

Papers intended for full presentation may address any topic consistent with the themes of the symposium and may be 3000-5000 words in length. An abstract up to 400 words should be included. Each table and illustration should be provided on a separate page. Abstracts as well as full papers will be blind-refereed and selected by an international committee. Notification for those authors whose abstract has been positively reviewed by the International Refereeing Committee will be on 15th of November 2006. Guidelines for the submission of final papers will be issued around that time.

Details for initial Submission

Contributors are invited to submit an abstract of about 200 words for short-papers, 400 words for papers in English, including references and addressing the topic consistent with the themes of the symposium. Abstracts should clearly state the research question and its significance for the field, the nature of the data and analysis used to address the question, and the results and conclusions. In the case of papers on recently completed doctoral research, the authors should clearly state the status of their data and work. Papers should, in addition to the more complete statement of the above, also make references to appropriate literature, discuss methodological innovations if any, and discuss the implications of the results, and the work to be done next.

Important Deadlines

- September 30th 2006** : Submission of abstracts for all categories of papers
November 15th 2006 : Notification of Abstract Acceptance
January 19th 2007 : Submission of Full Papers
March 1st 2007 : Notification of Full Paper Acceptance

For submissions, the names of the authors, their e-mail address, their postal address, telephone numbers and institutional affiliations must be indicated on a separate front page of the papers. In all cases the first author will be treated as the "contact person" for the paper. The format for electronic versions of the papers will be distributed to those whose paper will be accepted by the refereeing committee.

All submissions to the 6th International Space Syntax Symposium should be sent to: spacesyntaxistanbul@itu.edu.tr, or sent by post to

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Venue

The Symposium will be held in the Taskisla building of the Faculty of Architecture of ITU. The conference venue will be open on the afternoon of Monday 11th for delegates to register and for hanging posters. Inquiries related to this call should be addressed to: spacesyntaxistanbul@itu.edu.tr

For information about all these events, see the Space Syntax Symposium website at www.spacesyntaxistanbul.itu.edu.tr. To keep up to date with recent developments in space syntax join the Space Syntax mailbase at <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/archives/spacesyntax.html>

Social events

In addition to the formal schedule of events, optional additional events have been planned for the four evenings of the main symposium:

1. Historical City Tour, afternoon of Monday, 11th June 2007
2. Welcome Reception, evening of Monday, 11th June 2007
3. "Bosphorus" Tour, evening of Wednesday 13th June 2007
4. Conference Dinner, evening of Friday 15th June 2007

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