

# URBAN CHALLENGES

## SPACE AND SOCIETY IN THE CONTEMPORARY URBAN WORLD



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Urbanism today is confronting major challenges created by the fast pace of growth and urbanisation on the one hand and the inherent difficulties of modern, metropolitan cities, on the other hand. The exposure and emphasis of these challenges vary in different regions of the world, but they all have a determining impact on the future of our cities, which need to be identified and understood. Responding to these challenges requires a thorough understanding of the underlying problems based on methods that help develop evidence-based and workable solutions. Continuous scrutiny of urban challenges of the great cities is not really a choice; it is a bare necessity.

The Journal of Space Syntax would like to invite you to submit your original papers on four major categories of urban challenges:

1. The 'unplanned challenge': informal settlements, urban villages, urban sprawl, rural growth
2. The 'deprivation challenge': slums, favelas, shanty towns
3. The 'heritage challenge': historic cores, traditional urbanism, urban conservation
4. The 'planned-cities challenge': New Towns, modern developments, planned systems

A major focus of this issue is on how analytical methods and analysis might help develop a deeper understanding of urban challenges. The approaches of the papers could be: theoretical, methodological developments, tools/techniques of urban investigation, data handling/mapping, design and interventions. The articles have to be based on high-end, rigorous and previously unpublished research. The use of space syntax methods is a desirable feature, but other methods and approaches are equally welcomed.

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#### Key deadlines:

- Call for abstracts: 31 October 2012
- Deadline for abstracts: 15 January 2013
- Shortlisted abstracts confirmation: 30 January 2013
- Deadline for paper submission: 15 April 2013
- Shortlisting of papers for blind review: 30 April 2013
- Completion of peer reviews: 30 May 2013
- Publication: 1 August 2013

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