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## About the Conference

The World Town Planning Day Online Conference is an annual event, established to allow built environment professionals from around the world to get together 'virtually' and discuss leading edge concepts.

Established in 2009, the online conference was started by a group of planning professionals from around the world that wanted to create an international celebration for World Town Planning Day. Hosting an online conference meant that it could be shared with planners from across the globe in a cost-efficient manner. Over the years it has grown to be an annual event, and every year our audience grows, and it has built to be a key event for planners around the world to attend.

This conference is a not-for-profit event. All involved in its organization are volunteers, and all monies received from the registrations are invested in the operation of the online conference itself.

## This Year's Themes

This year's themes include:



**Housing**



**Sustainable  
Development**



**Healthy Communities**



**Economic  
Development**



**Infrastructure**



**Urbanization**



**Governance**

## Participate in the Conference

Be a part of the World Town Planning Day conference through WebEX and Periscope. This year, conference sessions will either be streamed through WebEX or Periscope, depending on the preference of the presenters. You can register to participate in the WebEX sessions by [clicking here](#).

You are also invited to share on social media by tweeting with us. Our handle is [@wtpdonlineconf](#) and we will be following along with the hashtag #WTPD2016 all day long.

Also follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/WorldTownPlanningDayOnlineConference](https://facebook.com/WorldTownPlanningDayOnlineConference).

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## URBAN RESILIENCE

**Natalie Robertson**

Presented by: [The Urban Research Network](#)

As part of our regular "Science in the Pub" series AND to celebrate World Town Planning Day, The Urban Research Network (TURN) is exploring the multi-faceted nature of Urban Resilience. This series brings together research, government, industry, citizens, students, and faculty for lively, interactive, and informative discussions (and free pizza!).

Moderated by graduate student and urban resilience enthusiast Natalie Robertson, our panelists include: Ms. Chris Arthurs, Director, Resilience and Infrastructure Calgary, City of Calgary; Maha Al-Zubi, PhD Candidate and Session Instructor, Faculty of Environmental Design; Dr Caroline Hachem-Vermette, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Environmental Design, and Director of the Solar Energy and Community Design Lab; Dr Sasha Tsenkova, Professor, Faculty of Environmental Design, and Research Leader for Cities, Policy and Planning Lab. TURN is an interdisciplinary student research network aiming to encourage a variety of theoretical perspectives and approaches to studying the urban existence. Our aim is to connect University of Calgary graduate students from across the campus to share information, enhance research and encourage collaboration by providing opportunities to connect with academia, community, industry and professional associations. TURN is proudly affiliated with the University of Calgary Graduate Students Association.

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## BEYOND URBAN SEGREGATION

**Regitze Hess**

Presented by: [International Federation for Housing and Planning](#)

Welcome: by the [Danish Architecture Center](#)

Moderator: Torben Klitgaard, HUB-director, [BLOXHUB](#),

Speakers:

Bence Boje-Kovacs, Researcher, [Kraks Fond Institute for Urban Economic Research](#)

Søren Møller Christensen, Partner, [carlberg/christensen](#)

Frans Clemmesen, Chief Economist, BL - [Danish Social Housing](#)

Reimagining housing strategies?

Denmark is recognized as one of the happiest countries in the world and Copenhagen one of the most livable cities. Nevertheless, throughout the

last decades politicians have become increasingly concerned about urban segregation and the division of households according to various characteristics and neighborhoods. What then is the situation in Copenhagen now?  
Is the city alleviating or repressing segregation in comparison to the past?  
And what does it take to counteract segregating factors? “Beyond Segregation – Reimagining Housing Strategies” explores these questions by presenting facts and the opportunities to rethink residential development approaches and strategies.

8:30: Welcome by DAC

8:32: Welcome, Torben Klitgaard,

8:35: Bence Boje-Kovacs, researcher, Kraks Fond Byforskning

8:40: Søren Møller Christensen, partner, carlberg/christensen

8:45: Frans Clemmesen, chief economist, BL

8:50: Lars A. Engberg, senior researcher, SBI

8:55: Panel discussion

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## THE MIGRATION OF THE MIDDLE AND HIGH INCOME TO TRADITIONAL LAND: A DISCUSSION ON THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF SPATIAL CHOICES

**Alka Ramnath**

Presented by: [The South African Planning Institute](#)

A number of the technical workshops at the 2016 ISOCARP Conference held in Durban highlighted some of the challenges spatial planners are encountering with the unexpected migration of people to traditional land. Examples of these challenges include the image of "traditional land" being deep rural and therefore service provision is not meeting the needs of the higher densities of people using services at much higher levels; municipalities not having the finances to provide the services required as those residing on "traditional land" do not pay rates; and the risks of buildings being constructed without approved building plans and in unsafe areas (below 1 : 100 year floodlines; geologically unstable areas etc). The Ingonyama Trust Board, the custodian of traditional land in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) is the largest landowner in KZN and therefore these challenges are encountered by most KZN planners. It is proposed these issues identified at the 2016 ISOCARP are discussed by KZN planners in greater deal at a 2016 World Town Planning Day event entitled “The Migration of the Middle and High Income to Traditional Land: A Discussion on the Unintended Consequences of Spatial Choices”.

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## **PLANNING AND EIA IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT**

**Laurie McGee (member of the Irish Planning Institute)**

<http://ljmplanning.com>

As a town planner working in the border area of the northwest of the island of Ireland what concerns me is the prospect for planning after #Brexit. What shape will town planning in our region take without the tie of the EU to bind us? Will there still be cross border co-operation in spatial planning for our communities? How will Ireland's emerging National Planning Framework respond to #Brexit? What is the prospect for the Londonderry – Letterkenny gateway in Northern Ireland's Regional Development Strategy? Without EU Regulation, will local planning authorities on either side of the border still consult with each other on planning proposals that have transboundary impacts?

These are some of the questions I intend to address in my session for World Town Planning Day. It follows my presentation at the Irish Planning Institute's National Planning Conference in April 2016 on transboundary environmental impact assessment and planning for wind energy projects. In my experience there were significant delays in getting planning consent at great risk to projects and at great risk to governments not achieving their renewable electricity targets. I want my fellow planners to know about the challenges planners face when working across borders. It requires a good understanding of the planning systems in both jurisdictions, where planning guidance and policy often conflict, consultation procedures and timelines are unclear, and access to information across boundaries is disjointed.

With #Brexit looming, and the untying of EU Regulation, I see a need for continued and even greater co-operation across borders for spatial and strategic planning to ensure a sustainable future for our communities.

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## **CLIMATE CHANGE: LOCAL RESPONSES TO A GLOBAL CHALLENGE**

**Sarah Bissett Scott**

Presented by: [Anglia Ruskin University](#)

Climate Change: Local Responses to a Global Challenge 12:00 to 14:00 - Anglia Ruskin University - Sustainability challenges in Chelmsford are shared by cities in the UK and in other countries. What lessons can we learn from them, and they from us? Practical actions for engaging, collaborative, innovative and creative solutions to city issues are explored. Including talks

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by Professor Tony Hall on “The Robust City” and Dr Julie Fitcher on tall buildings and urban climate - "Planning with Giants".

## PLANNING REFORM IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

**Sean O'Leary**

Presented by: [Irish Planning Institute](#)

With an acknowledged housing crisis, rising homelessness, lack of supply and increasing unaffordability in Ireland a number of reforms have been proposed by the Irish Government. Amongst the planning actions are tightening timelines for decisions, centralising some decision making powers, changing how infrastructure is funded and promoting active land management by local authorities. How effective these will be, how they affect the planning profession and practice and what we can learn from "reform" elsewhere will be discussed.

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## THE SUPERBLOCKS OF BARCELONA

**John Etherington**

Presented by: [Federación Iberoamericana de Urbanistas](#)

Recently the city of Barcelona has begun to introduce 'superblocks', that is, an amalgamation of 9 city blocks, the interior space of which becomes inaccessible to through traffic. In addition to being a measure designed to reduce overall levels of traffic and its attendant problems (air and noise pollution, CO2 emissions, accidents), superblocks also create quality public space instead of lanes of traffic. The objective of this event is to present the project, comment on the initial results and discuss strategies for its future development.

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## CIP PLANNING PRACTICES FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

**Olimpia Pantelimon RPP, MCIP, OUQ**

Presented by: [Canadian Institute of Planners \(CIP\)](#)

The Canadian Institute of Planners' Healthy Communities (HCSC) is a group of planning professionals engaged in policy, programing, and best practices discussions on the national stage to address a wide range of issues at the intersection of planning, built environment and public health including but not limited to urban design, health impact assessment, planning policy and land use planning policy and bylaws, housing and affordability, parks and recreation, schools, food systems, environmental justice, brownfield re-development, air and water quality, climate change and sustainability. CIP

HCSC engaged in promoting Planning Principles and Practice supportive of Healthier Built Environment forging valuable collaborative networks and partnerships: HSF, CPHA, PHAC, CPAC, CIHR, CAT, TAC, ACT, Canue, MUEC, ANC The presentation highlights CIP's planning practices supporting a much more resilient and healthier built environment:

- Healthy Communities Practice Guide (2012);
- Healthy Communities Fact Sheet Series - What is the Canadian evidence saying (2012);
- Healthy Communities Legislative Comparison Survey Report (2013);
- Taking the Pulse Survey (2011);
- Taking the Pulse Survey II (2014);
- Education tools, conferences, workshops and webinars (cross-sectoral).

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## **GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS: THE FORGOTTEN HOUSING NEED**

**Sarah Bissett Scott**

Presented by: [Anglia Ruskin University](#)

Travelling people do not fit easily within our society. The origins and culture of these people is not well understood and finding land for travellers' housing has never been easy. This event explores how planning and housing practice has to embrace the needs of travellers. Speakers: Professor Robert Home; and Dr. Maria Faraone from a Romany research background 'Post-Brexit new Planning: Gypsies & Travellers as Outsiders?'

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## **Developing in Flood-Prone Areas: Guidance and Best Practices**

**Debra Ballen**

Presented by: [American Planning Association](#)

The American Planning Association and the Association of State Floodplain Managers have partnered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to update a report on strategies that ensure that subdivisions in or near floodplains are designed to minimize flood hazards. This session will focus on developments and trends from the past two decades that have influenced these newly developed guidelines.

Panelists:

- Jim Schwab, FAICP - Manager, APA's Hazards Planning Research Center;
- Chad Berginnis - Executive Director, Association of State Floodplain Managers;

- Anuradha Mukherji - Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, East Carolina University

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## PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE FIJI

**Ben Bolgar, Senior Director, Princes Foundation**  
**H.E Anote Tong, Former President of Kiribati**

Presented by: [New Zealand Planning Institute/Commonwealth Association of Planners](#)

The opening session of this international conference, consisting of:

- Commonwealth's Secretary-General, Baroness Patricia Scotland - Video message
- Address from Dy Currie, President of CAP
- Launch of CAP project partnership with The Prince's Foundation for Building Community: Planning for Rapid Urbanisation in the Commonwealth.
- Presentation by The Prince's Foundation and CAP, outlining a joint planning response to the challenges of rapid urbanisation and climate change. – Ben Bolgar, Senior Director, Princes Foundation
- 'Professional Capacity Building in the small countries of the Commonwealth – Challenges of an increasingly complex international agenda'
- Dr Asad Mohammed, University of the West Indies

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## ENERGY PLANNING AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Presented by: [Canadian Institute of Planners \(CIP\)](#)

The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) has been actively working towards linking land planning with climate change since 2009, when Council endorsed the "CIP Policy on Climate Change". Our presentation will provide a historical summary of our successes in providing that link to planning practitioners. It will then focus on one of our partnerships, with QUEST Canada, who will inform the audience about advances in the area of community energy planning. Join us to find out how community planning can and should include energy planning as part of a complete community.

This CIP panel will include Sarah Marchionda, Manager of Research for QUEST, and Mike Sullivan MCIP, Chair of CIP's Climate Change Sub-Committee. CIP and QUEST are working together on this initiative. Moderating the session will be Anissia Nasr of CIP.

**Michael Sullivan MCIP, RPP, EP, SullivanPLAN**

Mike is a Registered Professional Planner and member of the Canadian Institute of Planners, who operates his own boutique consulting firm, specializing in providing municipal planning department support in their daily operations.

**Sarah Marchianda, BURPI, QUEST Canada**

Sarah is a professional planner, who is the Manager of Research & Strategic Initiatives for QUEST (Quality Urban Energy Systems for Tomorrow), a not-for-profit organization that helps municipalities create Community Energy Plans, quantify their current energy use and target reduced energy use at the community level.

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**ISLAND LIVING – HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH?**

**Allison Hardin, CFM**

Presented by: [American Planning Association](#)

Climate change isn't just a warming trend or rising tides – for some, it's a matter of life or death as their communities cling to what's left of their coastal high ground. These communities are often impacted by other factors that make moving financially difficult, to say the least. With estimates to relocate ranging from \$30 million to \$400 million, how does an impoverished community of 382 people handle the expense? Why is the Army Corps of Engineers so important to their futures? Where do you go when your livelihood is an ocean-based economy? What are the public health and safety issues that impact these communities? Is it too late – can planners help? We'll discuss these questions and more in the context of Isle de Jean Charles, LA; Tanger Island, VA; and Kivalina, AK. Agency to update a report on strategies that ensure that subdivisions in or near floodplains are designed to minimize flood hazards. This session will focus on developments and trends from the past two decades that have influenced these newly developed guidelines.