



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Ph. D. Forum Event

**INNOVATIVE PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES
FOR INFORMAL AREAS**

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Doctoral students researching topics related to improving participatory approaches in informal areas are invited to submit abstracts of their research for the international forum. The Ph.D. forum targets the maximum benefit for the Ph.D. research process. It aims at encouraging the researchers to reduce the gaps between academia and practice, and at contributing to formulate practical, applicable strategies, and future development policies for the informal areas.

The event will take place in Cairo, Egypt, during the International Conference “Responsive Urbanism in Informal Areas” from November 25-27, 2014. A panel of internationally well-known experts in participation in informal urbanization will review all submitted abstracts and will invite selected researchers to present their research ideas and process. Selected candidates will have the chance to participate in the roundtable brainstorming sessions and workshops for the preparation of Habitat III Workshops, and networking events.

Please submit: one A4 in portrait format, in two extensions: .pdf & .doc or. Docx, with maximum 500 words abstract including the following:

1. The thesis title
2. The research problem;
3. The research question(s);
4. The research methodology;
5. Expected results.

Abstracts may include references. Word count is exclusive of references.

Please make sure to fill a title page accompanying the abstract that includes:

1. The thesis title;
2. The author’s full name;
3. Current employment information;
4. Affiliation and e-mail address;
5. Ph. D. Advisor.

Abstracts are evaluated on their contributions to the improvement of participatory approaches for informal areas (from the perspective of a planner, designer, architect, landscape architect, urban researcher, or similar discipline). The scientific committee also considers the theoretical foundation of the research, the innovative potential, the methodological rigor, and the rationale presented for undertaking the research.

Submission Deadline

Abstracts must be received not later than June 30th, 2014 at
archcairo6@cufe.edu.eg

You will be notified in mid-September, 2014, if your abstract is selected and you will be asked to declare your intention to present by 30th of September. Distinguished students will be invited according to available funding.

The Ph.D. forum is a main event hosted by the International Conference “Responsive Urbanism in Informal Areas”. It offers the researchers a beneficial relationship with the education, knowledge production and global normative works. It also offers young researchers an opportunity to connect and exchange among peers and to gain access to a larger network of professionals with similar research interests.