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Extended Urbanization and Life on the Planet's Periphery



Call for Papers: Final Conference of the MCRI Global Suburbanisms: Governance, Land and Infrastructure in the 21st Century

York University, Toronto, October 19-21, 2017

The Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI) **Global Suburbanisms: Governance, Land and Infrastructure in the 21st Century** is entering its final year of activities.

We are currently seeking proposals for individual papers and/or panels for our **final conference in Toronto, October 19-21, 2017**. An internal call for MCRI researchers and board members is already underway, but we are accepting a limited number of papers from suburban researchers who are not associated with the project. There will also be a separate **graduate student pre-conference** for which we are holding a competition (a separate call for this is attached, please distribute among your students).

Confirmed keynote speakers are **Solly Angel** (New York University, U.S.A); **Kenate Worku Tabor** (Jimma University, Ethiopia); **Roberto Luís Monte-Mór** (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil); **Xuefei Ren** (Michigan State University, U.S.A); **Jennifer Robinson** (University College London, UK); and **Roger Keil** (York University, Canada).

The conference will be structured around the three foundational themes of the MCRI, **governance, land** and **infrastructure** and the added topic of **comparative suburban research**. It will include:

- Six keynote addresses by invited speakers
- Up to 40 individual papers on 8 thematic panels
- A graduate student pre-conference
- Meetings of thematic and regional groups for discussion about follow-up research projects

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Proposals for individual papers and/or panels should involve one of the four conference themes (governance, land, infrastructure, and comparative suburban research).

For **papers**, please send an abstract of 250 words noting which of the four areas you would like to be considered under.

For **panels**, please send an abstract of 500 words linking the panel's topic to one of the four themes of the conference. If you have already lined up possible speakers for the panel, please ask them to send us their individual 250 word abstracts separately with a remark that ties their paper proposal to the panel proposal.

Please send proposals to suburban@yorku.ca by May 15, 2017. Selections will be made by the conference organizing committee and communicated to applicants by June 15, 2017.

Attendance for the conference is free but unfortunately we will be unable to pay for travel, accommodation and other costs attached to attending. We will provide letters of invitation upon request for visa purposes.

During the seven years of its existence, Global Suburbanisms has built a robust and productive research network across the globe; we have published our results in significant venues, including scholarly journals and books as well as popular outlets, and have initiated a book series that has more than 10 volumes in some stage of production; we have trained dozens of students to be researchers; we have held successful research workshops and teaching events in Toronto, across Canada, Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa. We are engaged in follow-up projects that will continue our work on urban peripheries through specific collaborative endeavours and we hope to engender more collaborations in the future. For more information, please consult our website (www.yorku.ca/suburbs).