

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- **Monday 7 November:** activities for early arrivals
- **Tuesday 8 November:** registration and activities for early arrivals
- **Wednesday 9 November:** late registration, opening ceremony, keynote speech, track sessions
- **Thursday 10 November:** keynote speech, track sessions and other activities, banquet
- **Friday 11 November:** keynote speech, track sessions, conference closing
- **Saturday 12 November:** post-conference tours
- **Sunday 13 November:** Beirut Marathon

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This is an interdisciplinary conference open to students, researchers, and professionals working on city streets. Abstracts from different disciplines are invited.

OTHER CONFERENCE EVENTS

To be announced once the conference website is launched.

ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

Only original papers, which are not already published elsewhere, are accepted for oral/poster presentation at this conference. Accepted papers should be presented during the sessions of the conference tracks running in parallel throughout the duration of the conference, which is three days. All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

More information on the abstract and paper submission procedure will be posted once the website is launched.

PROCEEDINGS

The conference proceedings will be published and available in digital format to all conference participants.

LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE

The official language of the conference is English.

REGISTRATION FEES

Regular member, student and accompanying person fees for early bird or regular registration will be announced once the conference website is launched.

Students should provide a certified copy of their university ID card, or certificate of their student status.

PREVIOUSLY HELD CITY STREET

City Street Conference 2009



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The CS² conference aims to set the stage for further City Street conferences and encourage interdisciplinary, and international research on city streets. Research on this topic is neither bound to one discipline, nor to a single context. It spans various aspects of our everyday lives and intellectual endeavor. Urban planners, engineers, landscape architects and designers, in addition to philosophers, politicians, writers, musicians and artists have addressed city streets, with the aim of reflecting various aspects of the realities of urban streets, and their ever changing role and relation to people.

The City Street2 conference focuses on the roles of disciplines in reforming streets that create barriers into streets that secure communication channels. The conference addresses academics and professionals to reconsider approaches in theory, practice and education for the provision of more communicative and connecting streets, and present their research and findings for discussion and further progress.

Dr. JEAN-PIERRE EL ASMAR
Dean Faculty of Architecture, Art and Design
June 2015

CONFERENCE THEME

Streets connect but also disrupt. Streets are traces of cities' evolution and of civilizations. In the 21st century, with unprecedented urbanization and the need for planning resilient cities, the impact on streets is tremendous in relation to transport, communication, identities, safety, functions and socio-cultural roles. Queries arise, on whether anticipating or influencing change in the roles and characters of streets should be addressed within pre-determined conventional, professional, and institutional settings or within a broader framework.

Defining the need for reforming streets that disrupt to those that connect, this conference asks: to what extent should disciplines be engaged with street progress in terms of theory, practice and education in an era with new social networks, new political springs, new diseases, and new forms of art and culture? To what extent are streets urban arteries seeking to facilitate communication or is there a new complexity of streets, uncertainties, and questions to be addressed?

As various actors find ways to express what is going on in streets in terms of their design, use and role in cities, the discussion on streets goes beyond the domain of design and planning. Various aspects of deliberate manifestations of social needs and concerns are addressed within the broader scope of everyday life, politics, economy, technology, communication, to name few. With their ambitions and interests, these actors attempt to reform streets in a versatile global framework, using a wide range of tools based on their backgrounds (internet, writing, painting, filming, installing and so on). Through an international and interdisciplinary exchange of scholarship, the conference provides a platform for the exchange of thoughts on adaptive approaches towards transformed city streets.

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> Other participating universities will be listed on the conference website

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The scientific committee consists of members from various NDU faculties, universities in Lebanon and universities abroad. The names of the committee members will be announced after the conference website is launched.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

- T1:** Streets: Communication, visualization and semiotics.
- T2:** Reimagining City Street: The real and the virtual.
- T3:** Formal and In-Formal Street Art & Design: Interventions and innovations.
- T4:** Street Mobility: Current and future trends.
- T5:** Right to the Street: Gender issues, contested spaces, and territorial transformations.
- T6:** Resilient Streets: Metabolism, cataclysm, and beyond.
- T7:** On Streets: Research Tools and methodologies.
- T8:** Streets and Urban Places: Urban transformations.
- T9:** Social Dimensions of Streets: Collective memory-ies, migrant communities, performances, and events.
- T10:** Streets: Urban diversity and social justice.
- T11:** Dialectical Relations in Streets: Cultural, spatial, and socio-political.
- T12:** Sustainable Streets: Meeting future needs.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 2015:** call for abstracts
 - **December 2016:** abstracts cutoff date
 - **February 2016:** abstract notification
 - **May 2016:** paper cutoff date
 - **September 2016:** paper notification
 - **9-11 November 2016:** conference venue
- > See updates after the launching of the conference website