

PRRES Newsletter

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Message from the President

Hello again from sunny Taiwan!

The end of another busy year is drawing to a close and I just want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season for those lucky enough to be having time off!

The 2017 conference at UTS is rapidly approaching and I am looking forward to catching up with valued colleagues once again and seeing the great research that has been happening over the year. Whilst mentioning the conference I just want to thank Hera and her team once again for organising the conference, I know it involves an extraordinary amount of work.....thank you Hera for your continued support.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the conferences.

Peddy, Pi-Ying, Lai
PRRES President

23rd PRRES Conference 2017, Sydney, NSW, Australia

A final note that the 23rd PRRES annual conference will be held in Sydney, Australia, from Sunday 15th January 2017 to Wednesday 18th January 2017, inclusive, and is hosted by the University of Technology Sydney. The theme chosen for the 2017 conference is:

The Built Environment and Health, Infrastructure and System Resilience Planning. Please direct all enquiries to:

Conference Chair:

Hera Antoniades

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International Feasibility Competition- A new approach

The PRRES Case Study competition is on again and will provide students with excellent experience in a simulated environment to hone their skills.

The entire assignment package has been completely overhauled bringing it closer in line with academic standards and to ensure that all universities have the fairest chance of taking part in this great challenge as you prepare them for working in industry.

With the revised format the 2017 competition should be an exciting one!

Cheers

Tim Peisley

Estate Master / PRRES Competition Coordinator

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Postgraduate Colloquium- Reminder for 2017

Building upon the success of past Postgraduate Colloquiums another will be held at the PRRES conference in Sydney in 2017. These colloquiums provide opportunity for postgraduate students in property to discuss and present their postgraduate work-in-progress in a supportive and non-confrontational environment to a group of senior academics and peers.

The colloquium caters for students throughout their candidature, from those who are nearly complete to those just thinking and mapping out their ideas for research. There are experienced academics on hand to provide feedback to students presenting their research at all stages. In addition, senior academics will again be invited to contribute to plenary sessions discussing topics related to PhD study. If you are supervising please consider encouraging your candidates to participate in this colloquium. The experience is invaluable.

More details are provided at the conference website. It's not too late but your urgent attention is required.

University News

University Of Technology Sydney

Some current trans-disciplinary research @ UTS.

This year has seen a sharp and welcomed increase in trans-disciplinary research in the School of Built

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Environment at UTS, writes Sara Wilkinson. Working with marine biologists, ecologists, entomologists, urbanists, urban planners, town planners, landscape architects Sara has been part of NSW Environment Trust funded, Urban Ecology Renewal Investigation project which will produce a Blueprint for NSW in early 2017. The Green Infrastructure theme features in the Horticulture Innovation Australia funded research that examines whether a mandatory or a voluntary approach to green roofs will work best in Australia.

Another local green roof project in Sydney explores the impact of a horticultural therapy programme on the health and well-being on mental health care consumers. Sara is working with UTS Faculty of Health colleague Fiona Orr, a psychiatric nurse on this project

New Book

Dr Obeng-Odoom is an urban economist, a former UTS Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow and the winner of the 2015 Patrick Welch Prize from the Association for Social Economics. He is also the author of a new book, *Reconstructing Urban Economics: Towards a Political Economy*, which throws up a resounding challenge to the profit-oriented and system-conforming and extending analysis that defines the urban economic mainstream.

"The book seeks to contest the prevailing view amongst built environment academics and practitioners worldwide that to be analytical is to be abstract, and to be system conforming is to be industry relevant," Dr Obeng-Odoom says.

Publication details: Franklin Obeng-Odoom,
<https://www.zedbooks.net/shop/book/reconstructing-urban-economics/>

Associate Professor Promotion

Congratulations to Hera Antoniades on her recent promotion to Associate Professor of the Built Environment. Her research focuses on *Better Regulation* such as Property Taxation, Property Governance, and White Collar Crime and includes the development of the theoretical structure of history for occupational licensing and its effective application for consumer protection.

University of Auckland

Things have been busy at the University of Auckland!

New University Appointments

Three new staff members joined the team of the Department of Property, Faculty of Business and Economics in 2016. They are Dr Abdul-Rasheed Amidu, Dr Jeremy Gabe, and Kiri Dell. Prior joining the Department, Dr Amidu was a Senior Lecturer and Programme Leader (Real Estate) at Birmingham City University, UK (2008-2016). He has been a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS), an Associate of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (ANIVS) and a Fellow of The Higher Education Academy (FHEA). Dr Gabe was Lecturer at the University of South Australia before joining the Department. He obtained a PhD at the University of Auckland. Kiri Dell is a PhD candidate at the University of Auckland. She specialises in the research area of Maori land issues.

Exciting new project

Professor Deborah Levy, Head of Department of Property, and Emeritus Professor Harvey Perkins have been awarded National Science Challenge (NSC) research fund on the theme of "Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities". Their research project, as a part of a NZ\$2.5 million funded NSC project, will produce new knowledge to support and advance regeneration practice in 2nd tier settlements. The project arises out of concern about the considerable variability in the success of regional settlements in Aotearoa New Zealand. This project will be co-worked together with Dr Michael Mackay (Lincoln University), and Dr Malcolm Campbell (University of Canterbury).

Awards

Dr Zhi Dong has been awarded 2017 Visiting Fellowship of the New Zealand Centre at Peking University. Zhi Dong will be one of the competent visitors to Peking University, representing the New Zealand Centre that has key stakeholders of New Zealand government agencies, Education New Zealand, the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). She will give a public lecture on urban growth and study, business and culture environment of cities in New Zealand.

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Dr Michael Rehm and Dr Olga Filippova have been awarded University of Auckland teaching excellence awards 2016 for their Innovation in Teaching. Michael Rehm and Olga Filippova have played a leadership role on introducing online courses and blended learning technique in the university.

Dr Jeremy Gabe has been awarded the 2016 American Real Estate Society (ARES) Manuscript Prize Award on the category of sustainable real estate.

Raewyn Hill, PhD candidate, has been awarded the 2016 PRRES Early Researcher PhD Prize for Best Paper. Her research is about gaining insight into how workers' surroundings influence their teamwork.

RMIT University News

Farewell and congratulations to David Higgins.

It is with sadness that we said goodbye to David back in early August, as he resigned from RMIT and moved to England to take up a role as Professor at the University of Birmingham. I would like to personally thank David and also acknowledge the huge contribution that he made at RMIT. David came to RMIT about 8 years ago, and quickly took on the huge task of instigating the complete restructure of the Property undergraduate program. I then arrived and took that over while David concentrated on increasing our research profile. Under David's leadership we have lifted the research output, funding and HDR student numbers dramatically, which has led us to the excellent position we currently find ourselves in. We owe a huge amount of gratitude to David for the work he did in lifting our profile and he will also be missed as a valued colleague.

Congratulations to David on his new role as Professor at Uni of Birmingham, and we wish him and his family all the best in England. Judith Callanan.

Study Tour(s)

The property students (and staff) are currently enjoying a two-week study tour incorporating Barcelona, Paris and London. While in Barcelona students had the privilege of having a personal guided tour and presentation by the architect responsible for the revitalisation of the city centre. Other highlights of the trip include site visits and

presentations by RICS, JLL, Cass, BNP, AustSuper, along with a guided tour on retail development in Paris, presentation on Kings Cross redevelopment in London, Real Capital Analytics, Olympic village, BNP presentation on investment markets and lots more.

The students have a valuable global learning experience, while also experiencing new cultures and creating networking opportunities. Many of our students have returned to cities they have visited as part of a study tour, and obtained work experience.

Next year we are also off to New York, Boston and Chicago.

Pacific Rim Property Research Journal

The Pacific Rim Property Journal continues to receive high quality articles and, as always, members of PRRES are strongly encouraged to submit papers, by email to david.parker@unisa.edu.au, for consideration for publication in the Pacific Rim Property Research Journal.

The Pacific Rim Property Research Journal (PRPRJ) is the official refereed journal of the Pacific Rim Real Estate Society (PRRES). PRPRJ invites contributions in the following property research areas:

- Property market dynamics
- Modelling property markets
- Property valuation
- Property cycles
- Housing markets and policy issues
- Property and IT
- Property management
- Corporate real estate
- International property
- Property development
- Property investment and finance
- Property education

Papers must examine applied property issues in a rigorous manner, should not be merely descriptive and will be subject to an anonymous review process by two external referees.

Please Note: All papers must follow PRPRJ editorial guidelines (see www.prrres.net) and be submitted to:

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Regards,
Professor David Parker, Editor, Pacific Rim
Property Research Journal
Email: david.parker@unisa.edu.au

Membership

Just a reminder that membership for 2017 will be pending shortly. If you registered and attended the 2017 PRRES Inc Conference at UTS your 2017 membership fees will be included within your registration.

Full time research students are provided with **FREE MEMBERSHIP.**

Please contact hera.antoniades@uts.edu.au for further details or visit the PRRES website and click "Membership" for more details.

Composition of the PRRES board

Just a reminder of the composition of the PRRES board, current members are:

President: Peddy Pi Ying Lai

President elect: Clive Warren

Board members:

Australia

Chyi Lin Lee

Connie Susilawati

Janet Ge

Chris Heywood (Secretary)

New Zealand

Zhi Dong

ASEAN & Pacific

Najib Razali

Yasmin Mohd Adnan

Ming Long Lee

Non-Regional

Douw Boschhoff

Jian (Jerry) Liang

Co-opted Positions

Director membership- Bill Dimovski

Newsletter editor- Neville Hurst

Journal editor- David Parker

Historian-
General-
General-

Garrick Small
Lyndall Bryant
Brent Nakhies

Nominations for 2017 will be sort at the conference.

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