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CALL FOR PAPERS

Dear colleagues!

The scientific group of Ural Federal University “*Open City: from theoretical issues towards innovative projecting*” announces the call for papers for International academic conference entitled

“OPEN CITY”: APPROACHES, CRITERIA, PRACTICES”

The conference is to be held on **October 23, 2015** at Ural Federal University
(Yekaterinburg, Mira St. 19)

The dynamics of development of contemporary cities is provided by presence of the updated set of axiological views for creating/transformation of sociocultural milieu. This process is inextricably linked with the concept “open city” as a focal point that sets the impulses of development in many cities all over the world. The systematization and rethinking of gained experience provide new ways for the endorsement of cultural, tourist, design, museum, development business projects in Yekaterinburg.

Challenges, confronting urban culture under current conditions, actualize the need in specialists capable of solving the humanitarian issues currently facing society: from human health maintenance and environmental ecology to self-organization of the urban communities. The

concept “Open City” allows us to tell about paradigm shift as well as serves to strengthen the position of the participants of urban processes. At the same time the idea of open city, as well as theory of cultural participation, ecology, energy-savings, resource-economy, manifests itself in principally new forms and structures of objective reality. It is considered to be one of the most effective ways to acquaint the wider public with the latest urban trends and practices.

The sub-themes include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Historical, sociocultural and theoretical foundations of the idea “Open City”. Optimal methods of investigation of the open city: spheres of interdisciplinary cooperation.
2. Criteria and modes of openness: objective-spatial milieu, safety and ecology, communications and values, symbolic expression.
3. Projecting and research tools in the achievement of openness: modelling, participatory projecting, working with patterns, cultural practices.
4. Yekaterinburg: the dynamics of openness and closeness, history and modernity. University as an intensification factor of urban openness.

All submissions will be reviewed and volume will be published as part of the project “Open City”. There is no registration fee. Participants themselves will cover their own round-trip travel expenses and accommodation (excluding for key-note speakers).

If you are interested in participating in the international academic conference, please submit your application by **10th of September, 2015** via email to Tatiana Bystrova (taby27@yandex.ru) and Alyona Shutova (alena-sh888@yandex.ru).

The application should include the following information:

- the title of the proposed paper,
- an extended abstract consists of 3000 characters,
- personal contact details (full name, job title, institutional affiliation, current position, postal address, contact phone, fax, and e-mail address).

The Scientific Committee of the conference

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Please feel free to circulate this call for papers to anyone you think might be interested.

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