

2017 IGU Urban Commission Annual Meeting

Urban Challenges in a complex World

Digital cities and spatial justice

Call for papers

Important Dates:

Conference dates: 6th -11th August 2017

Pre-Workshop for students: 6th August 2017

Post-conference excursion: 12th – 13th August 2017 (2 full days)

Deadline for abstract submission

(within Pre-registration form available on the website)

13th February 2017

Acceptance of abstracts: 1st April 2017

Registration and payment: 1st April – 15 June 2017

Conference venue:

- University Federal of Salvador de Bahia
- Mercure Salvador Rio Vermelho Hotel

keynote speaker 1:

Richard Walker, Professor of Geography (Emeritus), Director Living New Deal Project, University of Berkeley, USA



Success & Failure of the Arch-Digital City: The Transformation of the San Francisco Bay Area

RICHARD WALKER is Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of California, Berkeley, where he taught from 1975 to 2012 and served at various times as Chair of Geography, Global Metropolitan Studies, and California Studies. He has written on a diverse range of topics in economic, urban, and environmental geography, published in journals from *Society and Space* to *New Left Review*. He is co-author of two classics in economic geography, *The Capitalist Imperative* (1989) and *The New Social Economy* (1992). He has written extensively on California, including *The Conquest of Bread* (2004), *The Country in the City* (2007) and *The Atlas of California* (2013). His awards include Fulbright and Guggenheim Fellowships, the Distinguished Scholarship Award of the Association of American Geographers, the Carey McWilliams Award from California Studies Association, and the Hal Rothman prize from the Western History Association. He lives half the year in Berkeley and the other half in Burgundy.

ABSTRACT: The San Francisco Bay Area is the world center of IT, a dynamo of the global economy, and volcanic generator of innovation and wealth. It offers a lively urban scene in a country known more for banal suburbs, and is known far and wide as a politically progressive and socially enlightened place. In short, it offers the best case for urbanism in our time – one that is commonly underestimated in discussion of 'global cities'. Yet it serves as a cautionary tale for the contradictions of contemporary capitalism and neoliberalism. It suffers from one of the world's worst housing bubbles, yawning class inequality, a deeply racialized social-spatial order, and uncontrolled urban sprawl. All the while, it spews forth libertarian/technotopian ideas that travel well but hide a less flattering reality.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2

Angelo Perret Serpa - Full Professor of Human geography of the Federal University of Salvador de Bahia - UFBA, 1B
Researcher of the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development - CNPq



Spatial justice and Digital City: Space as an operational medium in Brazil

ANGELO SERPA holds a doctorate in Landscape and Environmental Planning from the Universitaet Für Bodenkultur Wien (1994), with postdoctoral studies in Organization of Outer Space and Urban-Regional and Landscape Planning at the University of São Paulo (1995-1996) and in Cultural and Urban Geography Held at the Université Paris IV (Sorbonne / 2002-2003) and the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (2009). He is currently an associate professor at the Federal University of Bahia. He has experience in the areas of Geography and Planning, with emphasis on Urban Geography, Regional Geography and Cultural Geography, Urban Planning, Regional Planning and Landscape Planning, working mainly on the following research topics: public space, urban and metropolitan peripheries, manifestations of culture Popular, neighborhood identity, cognition and environmental perception, socio-spatial appropriation of the media, institutional regionalization strategies. He is a permanent professor in the Postgraduate Programs in Geography and Architecture and Urbanism of the Federal University of Bahia, where he is also editor responsible for GeoTextos Magazine.

ABSTRACT: It is intended to present a comparative picture of the insertion of information and communication technologies in the national territory, at different scales (macro-regional, provincial and intra-urban), thinking of space as an operational medium and taking the notions of spatial justice and accessibility as guiding principles of the proposed reflection. The discussion is also based on the assumption that places are “platforms” for the construction of actions and speeches of eminently space matrix that goes through varied scales and cuttings.

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The IGU Urban Commission has long been committed to encourage geographical research on new Urban Challenges emerging in an increasingly Complex World, and to facilitate academic exchanges and communications among urban geographers from different places of the globe.

The IGU Urban Commission in collaboration with the Department of Geography – Geoscience Institute of the University Federal of Salvador de Bahia (Brazil), is pleased to invite you to its annual meeting. In 2017, the special focus for this conference will be on **Digital cities and spatial justice**. Although offering the potential to enhance sustainability, equity and inclusion within urban areas, many scholars argue that the digitalization of urban societies mirrors and has further entrenched pre-existing social and spatial inequalities. This (re-)production of spatial injustices within the city polarizes communities and presents many challenges for residents, policymakers and civil society groups. Papers addressing these issues are particularly welcome for the 2017 Annual Urban Commission Meeting.

In addition to the theme on Digital cities and spatial justice, participants are invited to submit **papers** and proposals for **panel sessions** or **roundtables** on the following thematic foci:

See further explanation of the content of the topics on the website:

[Project Urban commission 2016-2020](#)

- 1- Complex Urban Systems and processes of cities' transformation
- 2- Technological innovations, creative activities in cities,
- 3- Innovative and smart building and transportation in cities
- 4- Polycentrism, small and medium size cities
- 5- Sustainable to resilient cities
- 6- Shrinking and aging Cities
- 7- Urban Governance, planning and participative democracy
- 8- Contested Social Spaces
- 9- Subjective/objective Well-Being in cities
- 10- Urban Heritage and Conservation
- 11- New concepts and methods in urban studies

Abstracts and proposals should be sent to ugisalvador2017@gmail.com within the **registration form** before **February 13th 2017**. Submitted abstract (around 2-3 pages) should include the following elements:

- Theoretical background
- Research questions
- Methodology
- Results/findings
- Significant/general conclusions

Parallel Workshops (6th of August – Full day; arrival on 5th)

- **W1: Full day: Geo-social networks approaches and methods** (Celine Rozenblat, Elfie Swerts)

How to use social networks in Geography? The workshop aims to give to young scholars the main concepts and tools in order to be able to learn by themselves to deal with social networks in Geography.

- **W2: Full day: Sustainable cities and spatial justice** (OURSUS: Ton Diez, Qiu Li)

How can (young) urban geographers and geography teachers use the integrative approach to Global sustainable cities initiatives in their research designs and in their geography classes. How can it be linked to the debate about spatial justice? How does access to digitally available information from all over the world help geography researchers, students, teachers and pupils to design truly comparative approaches, as well as using inspiring examples of best practices?

(limited to 20 young scholars for each workshop: first registered first served)

Registration in the Abstract submission form

Additional fees: 20\$ (Lunch included)

Post-conference excursion (12th-13th August 2017)

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Schedule 2017 IGU Urban Commission Annual Meeting - **Urban Challenges in a complex World**

Hours	Sunday 06.08.17 MERCURE HOTEL		Hours	Monday 07.08.17 IGEO - UFBA
9:00 – 12:30	Young scholar workshops		9:00 – 9:30	Opening ceremony
			9:30 – 10:45	Keynote speech 1
			10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
			11:15 – 12:30	Keynote speech 2
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch		12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	Young scholar workshops		14:00 – 15:45	Paper session 1 - Plenary Digital cities and Spatial Justice
			15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
			16:15 – 18:00	Paper sessions 2
18:00 – 19:30	Arrival and registration	Steering Committee	18:00 – 19:30	Presentations (Published Books)
19:30 – 22:00	Welcome Buffet		19:30 – 22:00	Free

Hours	Tuesday 08.08.17 MERCURE HOTEL	Wednesday 09.08.17 MERCURE HOTEL	Thursday 10.08.17	Friday 11.08.17 MERCURE HOTEL
9:00 – 10:45	Paper Sessions 3	Paper Sessions 5	Conference Fieldtrip 2 THE DUAL CITY NEW CITY CENTER & FAVELAS	Paper Sessions 9
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break
11:15 – 13:00	Paper Sessions 4	Paper Sessions 6		Paper Sessions 10
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch in Pelourinho	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00 – 15:45	Conference Fieldtrip 1 PELOURINHO	Paper Sessions 7	Conference Fieldtrip 2 THE DUAL CITY NEW CITY CENTER & FAVELAS	Paper Sessions 11
15:45 – 16:15		Coffee break		Coffee break
16:15 – 18:00		Paper sessions 8		Paper sessions 12
18:00 – 19:30				Business meeting and closing ceremony
19:30 – 22:00	Free	Free	Free	20:00 Gala Dinner

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Post-conference excursion: 12th – 13th August 2017 (2 full days)

Saturday 12.08.17	Sunday 13.08.17
Conference Fieldtrip 3 THE RECONCAVO	Conference Fieldtrip 3 THE RECONCAVO
Lunch	Lunch
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Return	Return
Free	Free

Registration fees:

Conference : including Opening reception & Conference dinner, all lunches and coffee breaks (5 days), Two excursions (1 half day, 1 full day), Conference materials (same price for delegates and accompany persons).	Full registration	400 US\$
	Student registration	200 US\$
Pre-Workshop fees (6th of August – Full day; arrival on 5th)		20 US\$
Post-conference fieldtrip fees (12th -13th August 2017)		150 US\$

Payment methods will be announced during the acceptance of abstracts.

Accommodation:

Option 1: IBIS Salvador Rio Vermelho Hotel (neighbor to the Mercure)

Standard Single: about 50 US\$ (breakfast included)

=> see different rates on booking companies

Option 2: MERCURE Salvador Rio Vermelho Hotel

Discounted rate for the conference **CODE UFBA-IGU: H5182-SB2@accor.com.br**

Standard Single view on city: 208 R\$ + 5% ISS about 66 US\$ (breakfast included);

Superior Single view on the sea: 243 R\$ + 5% ISS about 77 US\$ (breakfast included);

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Organizers:

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