



International Sociological Association Research Committee 21:
Sociology of Urban and Regional Development

ISA – RC21

ISA-RC21 Tokyo Conference

Landscapes of Global Urbanism: Power, Marginality, and Creativity

December 17 –20, 2008

Venue: International House of Japan, Tokyo, Japan
([Http://www.i-house.or.jp/en/index.html](http://www.i-house.or.jp/en/index.html))

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This information is also available on the Tokyo conference web page <http://www.rc21tokyo.com>, the RC21 webpage <http://www.shakti.uniurb.it/rc21> , and <http://www.msu.edu/user/fujitak/2008Conferences.htm>

1. Tentative Schedule:

Wednesday, Dec 17, 2008: Registration and evening plenary session
Thursday, Dec 18, 2008: Morning plenary session and afternoon sessions
Friday, Dec 19, 2008: Morning and afternoon sessions, closing session
Saturday, Dec 20, 2008: Urban tours in the morning

2. **Organized by:** Takashi Machimura, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan

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3. Rationale:

After decades under the influence of globalization, neo-liberalism, and the rapid expansion of informational technology, where do we stand today? This conference will focus on the consequences, both critical and creative, of such dominant and ascendant social trends on urban and regional life and space. First, we will consider hidden frames of global urban landscapes in their social, spatial, political and imaginary forms. What is manifested and what is unseen under vibrant and conflicting urban scene? Diverse questions such as hegemony, inequality, violence, governance, tolerance, and creativity can be asked of any place and space. Second, we want to ask about possible futures of current global urbanism. Now, in globalizing cities over the world, are we experiencing different paths toward more convergent forms of the city, or are we facing with parallel changes into more divergent urban worlds? This question concerns identity, goals, theory, and methodology of urban and regional studies. The meeting will push towards new theoretical agenda for the future studies. Located at dynamic Asian contexts, Tokyo, which has experienced a profound change in the past two decades, will offer a rich body of sights and stories to inform and inspire our conversations.

4. Call for Sessions

Session themes include followings but are not limited to them. More related themes are welcome. Please contact with Takashi Machimura.

Changing Landscapes of Power, Social Exclusion, Gentrification and the Urban Poor, Urban Democracy and Governance, Community Solidarity and Urban Social Movements, Mobility and Migration, Gendered Space and the City, Landscapes of Urban Tourism, Projects and Events, Subcultures and Global Urban Space, Reframing Informational City, Urban Experiences and Built Environment, Urban and Regional Consequences of Natural/Manmade Disasters, The Future of Asian Mega Cities (and Japan's Urban Experience)

Please send your session proposal with its title and short description (within 150 words) to:

Takashi Machimura (cs00035@srv.cc.hit-u.ac.jp) and

Hideo Nakazawa and Asato Saito (rc21-tokyo@mbe.nifty.com) by

February 10, 2008

Please note that session organizers can't present their papers in their own sessions. Single author can't present her or his paper more than once.

Individual papers: All sessions will be announced on the RC21 web page by the end of February. Please send the title and abstract (within 150 words) of your proposed paper to individual session organizers after that by

April 30, 2008

The program will be completed by the end of June, 2008

5. RC21-FURS Travel Grants

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Travel grants are available for participants in the Tokyo conference. RC2-FURS travel grants are funded by RC21 and the Fund for Urban and Regional Studies (FURS).

Please see rules and qualifications below about RC21-FURS travel grants. Qualified individuals can apply for grants to the Tokyo RC21-FURS grant committee

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The application deadline is **August 31, 2008**.

Rules and Qualifications

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible to travel grants candidates should:

- 1) be RC21 members in good standing for a period longer than 12 months prior the funding request;
- 2) be younger than 35 years of age (or above if criteria “C” applies) at the moment of the funding request;
- 3) be a member of a nation state classified in category C of the ISA membership classification; (also candidates from “B” countries may apply, but they will be given a lower priority. The list of countries can be found at http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/table_c.htm)
- 4) be presenting a paper in one of sessions in the Tokyo conference, December 17-20, 2008. The paper has to be accepted by the conveners of the session.

Amount of the Grants

As a general rule grants may cover:

- 1) conference fees;
- 2) accommodation at the conference site; and
- 3) travel costs.

The amount of a single grant is about US\$500 at a maximum.

The selection committee may make exceptions on rules and qualifications.

Requesting a Travel Grant

All RC21 members who are eligible according to the above rules can submit a travel grant request by filling in the application form within one month after the date they receive the confirmation that their abstract is accepted. Besides the form, the documents they should submit are:

- 1) CV plus publication records
- 2) Abstract with 1800 words and a letter stating that the abstract has been accepted

Reimbursement Procedures

In general two months after the acceptance of the abstract the RC21-FURS travel committee will shortlist travel grant requests.

Candidates will be informed of their travel grant about two months before the conference. Successful candidates have to pay their expenses and keep the bills. They will receive at the conference a cheque for reimbursement upon presentation of the original documents (bill of the hotel, conference registration receipt, and travel ticket).

7. About the International House of Japan (I-House)

The International House of Japan is a non-profit independent organization, incorporated with support from various private institutions and individuals in 1952, for the purpose of promoting international cultural exchange and intellectual cooperation. It is located at the city center of Tokyo, near bustling Roppongi district. Yet I-House offers an oasis for guests and visitors, with a beautiful Japanese garden and quiet atmosphere. Its site formerly held a mansion belonging to one of feudal lords during the Edo Period up to the very last days of the Tokugawa Shogunate in the late 19th century. In 1955 the House building was constructed under the collaboration of prominent Japanese architects. The House building has been awarded the Architectural Institute of Japan Prize and in 2006 was registered by the Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japanese Government, as registered tangible cultural properties.

You can walk to new built environments of mega-projects such as Roppongi Hills, Tokyo Midtown, and New National Center for Arts, visit livable traditional commercial area (Azabu-Juban) for lunch, and enjoy night life at the most dynamic quarters in the city after creative dialogue and debates. So, International House of Japan is an appropriate place in which we can hold a conference on landscapes of global urbanism.

8. Application Form

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE 21: SOCIOLOGY OF URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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Preference will be given to applicants younger than 35 years old from countries in Groups B and C of the World Bank classification. For details see http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/table_c.htm

Submissions Deadline: August 31, 2008

Date of Application:

Family Name:

Given Name:

Nationality:

Birth Date:

Email:

Home Address:

Corresponding Address:

Affiliation:

Affiliation Address:

The Name of Your Session Organizer in the Tokyo Conference:

The Title of Your Paper:

The Status of Your Paper (Accepted? Completed?):

Is This the First Time to Apply for RC21 Travel Grant?

If Not the 1st Time, When Did You Receive It?