

Innovating, Housing, Learning

Oikodomos International Conference

Brussels, 27-28 October 2011, at W&K Sint-Lucas Architecture School

OIKODOMOS is a Virtual Campus co-financed by the Long Life Learning Programme of the European Union to support housing studies in Europe. In the first two years of the project, 2007-2009, OIKODOMOS has developed, implemented, tested and evaluated an innovative pedagogic model based on a blended learning approach which combines on-line learning activities carried out in web-based environments -specifically designed for this Virtual Campus- with seminars, design studios and workshops physically taking place at the participating universities. The goal of the third year project activities (2010-2011), is to consolidate the pedagogic model, to expand the Virtual Campus to other institutions and to disseminate the project results among the academic and scientific communities.

The OIKODOMOS project brings together pedagogy, information and communication technologies and housing studies. This conference aims at bringing together professionals, academics and experts dealing with these areas of knowledge and with their interaction: architects, urban planners, sociologists or anthropologists addressing contemporary housing issues, architectural educators concern with pedagogic innovation, educational technologists dealing with the development and integration of learning environments. The conference will provide a forum for discussion of the latest developments in architectural pedagogy, as well as contemporary housing problems in contemporary European societies.

The program of the conference will encompass four main types of activities:

- key-note presentations;
- paper and poster presentations;
- discussion sessions (to facilitate interaction and future collaborations);
- a hands-on session and practical information on the OIKODOMOS virtual campus.

Alongside a face-to-face programme, the conference will have a virtual strand which will be accessible in advance and during the conference. This will build on the discussions which will have been taking place via the Virtual Spaces discussion forum, focussing in on key issues which have been raised and which will be mapped to key conference themes. Each discussion theme will be moderated by a speaker at the conference who will bring summaries to face-to-face discussion groups, which they facilitate at this event.

Call for Contribution

The OIKODOMOS partnership calls for contributions on the development and applications of virtual campuses and/or the latest findings in the field of housing studies. It is anticipated that papers will fall into the topics below but other contributions are also welcomed:

Innovating and Housing:

Issues addressing multiples ways to foster innovation in housing, in different ways: at the process level, seeking the participation of the different actors involved in the design, including dwellers; at the construction level, applying open systems approaches; at the design level, proposing domestic spaces which suit to current social needs; etc.

Housing and Learning:

Subject-matters within the field of housing studies developed in different pedagogic contexts: design studios in architecture and urban planning, theoretical courses and seminars, formal and informal educational settings.

Learning and Innovating:

Issues dealing with pedagogic innovation particularly through the integration of ICT technologies in education, as for example: learning design, blended learning, constructivism, virtual campuses.

Papers which reflect the main conference themes will be given priority but all contributions will be considered on merit. Papers for the conference should be tailored to a 25-minute presentation timeframe. A proceedings will be published with all accepted and presented papers (one attendee necessary).

Abstracts should include the following:

- The full title of the paper,
- The full names, postal addresses and e-mail addresses of all authors,
- A summary of the paper in no more than 500 words.

All sent documents should have pdf format and the total of the sent files should not exceed 2MB.
Conference language will be English.

Keynote speakers (to be confirmed):

Lucien Kroll, architect, Brussels, Belgium
Claudi Aguiló, architect, DATAE, Barcelona, Spain
Mirjana Devetakovic, Ph.D., University of Belgrade, Serbia

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Important dates:

10th June - First Call
20th June - Second Call
5 September - Deadline for submissions of abstracts.
15 September - Feedback of Reviewers with guidelines for final submission.
1 October - Final papers/posters
27/28 October 2011 - Conference

Please send your files for application to: oikodomos@architectuur.sintlucas.wenk.be

Conference Fee

50 Euro (participation, digital proceedings, coffee/tea and lunch)
100 Euro (participation, digital proceedings, coffee/tea, lunch and conference diner)

Local organizing committee

W&K, Sint-Lucas Architecture School, Brussels
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