Association of Pacific Rim Universities
University Museums Research Symposium 2020
Universities and Architectural Heritage

Organisers

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SYMPOSIUM THEME

This year's symposium will reflect on the architectural heritage of universities, their deployment for the activities of the institution, the potentials of these historic structures in fostering academic research and education, and the challenges they present to their owners.
The sub-themes of the symposium are developed to encourage personnel from across the university – faculty, undergraduate and postgraduate, estate management, development office – to participate in discussion, debate and reflection

Architectural heritage as a pedagogical resource
Historical architecture on campus are landmarks in the institution's history; steeped in the collective memories of students across generations, they enhance the sense of place while also serving as markers of the nation's educational, social and political evolution. In what ways have the continued presence of these buildings sustained the traditions of the institution? How have they inspired studies across a range of disciplines?

Architectural preservation on university campuses
With newer available technologies for teaching and learning as well as more demanding users for spaces equipped with up-to-date climate control, acoustics and furnishing, what are the challenges that universities encounter in retrofitting their historic buildings to suit contemporary needs? In a setting where human resource capacity building is tuned towards modern construction materials and methods, are there sustainable strategies for the upkeep of architectural heritage?

Bequest of estates to universities
Bequest of an estate may take the form of an existent building or funding towards the construction of a purpose-made complex. What are the opportunities and challenges that such gifts present on various fronts such as finance, operations and public relations? How does the university achieve a balance of its own objectives for the estate and the expectations of stakeholders?

University archives as research resources
How have archival records about campus planning and architecture been useful as materials for understanding the history of an institution? On an operational level, what insights can architectural archives offer for the ongoing upkeep of built structures?

CALL FOR PAPERS

Format: 15-minute paper presentations

Submission deadline: 26 June 2020

Notification of acceptance: End August 2020

Please submit your proposal using the provided **template** to **apru2020@nus.edu.sg**

PROGRAMME

Programme details will be available in July 2020.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens in end July 2020.

Registration for the symposium is free.

There will be a charge for the welcome dinner and post conference tour to Melaka. Details will be available when registration opens.

TRAVEL GRANT

- Limited numbers of partially funded travel grants are available to those whose papers are selected. The purpose of the travel grant is to encourage the participation of applicants pursuing Ph.D. studies / post-doctoral research and early career professionals by partially funding the travel costs for those who would otherwise be unable to attend.

- The expectation is that a travel grant will offset airfare and hotel accommodation. It may not fully cover these expenses, however, since our desire is to maximize participation by research students and early career professionals. Applicants are strongly encouraged to secure additional funding from other sources.

- Travel grant recipients are required to submit the full paper within a week after their presentation at the symposium. Upon receiving the full paper (submission guidelines will be sent later), the organisers will disburse the grant within 30 days.

- Information on travel grant application will be provided to those whose papers are selected.