INVITATION

The Department of Urban and Spatial Planning, Faculty of Architecture, Silesian University of Technology, hereby invites participants to the second edition of the cyclical conference:

REGION – CITY- COUNTRY

The Conference has an interdisciplinary character, accommodating representatives of various disciplines of science and practical engineering: architecture and urban planning, sociology, economics, geography; as well as administrators, politicians, designers, planners and other parties interested in shaping space.

“BIG PUBLIC INVESTMENTS IN THE CITIES OF AGGLOMERATIONS”

Under this title, participants will consider how particular cities shape their urban space to meet the needs and requirements of the entire Agglomeration. The main focus of the discussions will be investments reaching beyond the local level, especially on the scale of conurbations. Hence, the following issues will be discussed:

- How do cities cooperate with one another planning and implementing investments that serve the entire Agglomeration?
- Which cities shape public spaces of more than local importance?
- Do big investments strengthen the regional identity?
- How are big investments located on the Agglomeration scale?
- What is the architecture of big public investments?
- What is the role of big investments in the process of metropolis formation?
- Who pays for big public investments in agglomerations?

The Conference organizers, living and working in the Silesian Agglomeration, one of biggest European mining and industrial conurbations, which is in the period of transition, are looking for answers to the questions concerning the transformations. We are witnessing attempts in the cooperation of the cities to address important problems, yet, at the same time also examples of the dispersal the means of resources to implement competitive initiatives. Although splendid cultural facilities of national and even international importance are erected, public transport problems, or problems with access to health services still remain unsolved. Many cities have been building huge public stadiums, while the centrally located construction of Silesian Stadium of great regional importance is still not finished. Such paradoxes indicate that big investments made in conurbations may require other measures and instruments to be successful.
The first REGION-CITY-COUNTRY conference was held in October 2014 under the title: “LIVING IN CITIES”. In its course several papers on modern housing were delivered. Architects, urban planners, sociologists, economists and geographers presented the most pertinent problems involved in housing, discussed new solutions and different directions in the development of housing in cities. During the second day of the Conference participants had the opportunity of visiting selected new housing developments in the Upper Silesian Agglomeration. The study trip included various examples of projects: from the revaluation of a historic workers’ settlement, through different forms of social housing, to apartments built for more well-to-do inhabitants. For the 2015 edition, the organizers would like to repeat the frame of the program, including papers delivery, poster presentations and the study trip.

DATES: 28 – 29 October 2015 (Wednesday - Thursday)
- application submission: 31.05.2015
- abstracts review and information about approval: 30.06.2015
- conference fee payment: 31.07.2015
- full paper submission: 28.10.2015

PLACE: Faculty of Architecture, Silesian University of Technology, "X building", ul. Strzody 10, 44-100 Gliwice.

COSTS: Conference fee: full: 280 Euro, without publication: 200 Euro. The fee includes:
- 28.10. – lunch, dinner,
- 29.10. – lunch (during the study trip);
- conference materials,
- publication of the reviewed paper

Payments can be made by Bank Transfer:
- Account Holder: Politechnika Śląska / Silesian University of Technology
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- Reference: RMW 2015 - Participant’s name,

APPLICATION

The application forms and abstracts (- MS Word, 250 words) should be electronically forwarded to: michal.stangel@polsl.pl until the deadline of May 30th 2015. Proof of payments, upon the receipt of the notification about being admitted, should be sent up to July 31st 2015.

The organizers shall not provide accommodation.
FRAME OF THE CONFERENCE

The Conference shall include:

- plenary sessions;
- panel discussions;
- poster session (for Ph.D students and young research staff);
- study trip: visiting selected facilities and sites - meetings with design architects and facility managers (detailed plan will be given in the Conference program).

PUBLICATIONS

- abstracts in the form of Conference materials;
- reviewed papers, published as a chapter in a monograph;
- papers selected by reviewers may be published (in English) in the scientific journal “Architecture – Civil Engineering – Environment”. (www.acee-journal.pl)
- The Conference may also be attended without the requirement of delivering papers - especially for those interested in panel discussions and posters presentation;
- The full text of the paper should be provided on the Conference day at the latest.

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### PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

#### 28.10. 2015 Wednesday

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Details and further material will be available on the conference website: http://konferencje.polsl.pl/rmw

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- presentation time in the plenary session: 15 minutes,
- maps and plans regarding the study trip will be put in the "download" section of the conference website

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