

BUILDING THE FUTURE “NOW” Rights to Better Living, Architecture and Contexts

Interest in the Future was a sustained concern of thinkers and philosophers throughout history; in their search for the better, appropriate, true, beautiful and just. The search was accompanied and mostly reflected in the visions and delineations of architectural and urban expressions. Architects, designers and planners followed in their writings and projects, buildings and settlements, built and proposed for the present and the future.

Successful and respected outlooks and drives to the future, invariably emanated from good understanding and conscious grasp of the present's: determinants, features and challenges, potentials and limitations; all closely related to Communities and settings, environments and cultures, aspirations and values. Those who possess the “Now” confidently approach and shape the “Future”. In the said drive, respecting and recalling history and deploying its fruits, value products and living heritage, makes better present and secures promising future.

The ARCHCAIRO 2019 Conference, within the outlined notions, is concerned with the prospects, studies and features of the future in Architecture, Environments and Contexts; which is closely related to the present and emerging thoughts and directives of Architecture, Environmental Design, Technology, Urban and Comprehensive Development – collectively aspire to better management of the design and planning processes, to reach the goals and objectives of communities, respecting its aspirations and satisfying needs, within the bounds of the present's contextual determinants, physical and cultural.

Future studies and management, combine visions, innovation and creativity, and the means to its realization – a complex drive and process, a collective societal responsibility that involves many actors, including; architects, designers, planners, intellectuals and decision makers, civil and governmental institutions.

The Conference puts forward a key proposition; “the **Future – Present interdependence**”, both in form and contents - a notion that links the future to the rights in better living, sustained quality environments, and humane contexts. It addresses scholars, academics and professionals in the realms of: Architecture, Building Science & Technology, Environmental Design & Control, Urban Design & Landscape, Housing & Real Estate Developments, Urban Planning & Community Development, Architectural & Urban Heritage revitalization and management, Socio – Cultural & Economics of Development – to join in, participate and contribute to its program and activities, and addressing its Proposition and Concerns; “**Building the Future Now**”.

It welcomes research papers, attendance and participation in the Conference main and sub-themes, all sharing the key notions: the “**Now**”, the **Present** and visions of and directives to the “**Future**”, namely:

- Theory, Directions & Visions into **Future Architecture and Urbanism**,
- The power and potentials of “**Now**” in shaping the Future,
- **Environmental Design** & Building the Future: Energy, Sustainability, Systems & Ratings,
- **Building Science & Technology**, the Present & Future: Integrated Systems, Materials & Components, Information Technology and beyond,
- Status and Future of **Architectural & Urban Heritage**; Revitalization, Management & Sustainability,
- The Future of Places & Communities; **Urban Design, Housing & Landscape**,
- **Urban Planning & Community Development**; Current Challenges and Future Prospects,
- **Real Estate Developments**, Current Stresses and Future Challenges,
- Historic **Cairo**, New **Cairo**, the Future of **the Developing Capital**.