AESOP European Urban Summer School
2011 and 2012

A ESS2011 foi organizada pela Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias (ULHT) – Departamento de Urbanismo e pela AESOP em colaboração com o European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP-CEU, a European Urban Research Association (EURA, a International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP)e a International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) e com o apoio da Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia de Portugal (FCT). O comité científico teve a seguinte estrutura:
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AESOP
AESOP was established in 1987 in Belgium as an international association with scientific, artistic and educational purposes and operates according to its Charter. With over 150 members, AESOP is the only representation of planning schools of Europe. Given this unique position, AESOP strengthens its profile as a professional body. AESOP mobilizes its resources, taking a leading role and entering its expertise into ongoing debates and initiatives regarding planning education and planning qualifications of future professionals. AESOP promotes its agenda with professional bodies, politicians and all other key stakeholders in spatial and urban development and management across Europe.

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AESOP European Urban Summer School for young planning professionals
AESOP European Urban Summer School aims at bringing together young professionals and experienced academics and practitioners across Europe to discuss planning issues. We expect that it will facilitate trans-European understanding of planning matters and, as a consequence, will help with improving quality of life. These aims correspond with AESOP objectives enumerated in AESOP Charter. We wish to involve both EU and non-EU countries into the project knowing that AESOP has no geographical limits of membership. AESOP has offered its resources in teaching at European Urban Summer Schools. This idea may facilitate trans-European exchange and foster a debate on the most important planning topics. It may promote every involved actors as bodies being able to help politicians and other stakeholders in spatial development and management issues. This concept doesn't involve economic profit. European Urban Summer School should be a platform of debate and exchange. The first edition of EUSS in 2010 was hosted by Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland (to learn more and download ‘Urban Change. The Prospect of Transformation’ – book being a result of EUSS 2010 please visit (http://www.aesop-planning.eu/en_GB/un-habitat-aesop-european-urban-summer-school) EUSS 2011 will be hosted by by Lusofona University, Lisbon; future hosts will be selected through a call for proposals procedure. EUSS 2011 website is open for registration.

**Concept**

Urbanized space reflects the society and its culture but also creates spatial dimension of civilisation. In this sense there are two direction of this significant flow –
not only space is being produced by the society but also society is being shaped (or at least - influenced) by the urban structure. The question how many facts from our history would not have happened if the urban pattern had been different has to remain unanswered but spatial dimension of our cultural and technological evolution is indisputable.

This is one of the important reasons why topic of quality of urban space is so important.

Since 2007 majority of world population lives in the cities, therefore the problem has global dimension and relates to the quality of life of majority of population. Cites were influencing culture and civilisations even when they were inhabited only by very small portion of population, now, being an everyday environment for majority of world population they are the essential component not only of our future development but also of our quality of life.

During EUSS 2011 we would like to explore the definition and meaning of quality of urban space and its relation to the quality of life. Analysing carefully selected cases we would like to ask numerous questions: do they lack quality? what is quality itself? How it does relate to urban space? what is essential about quality of urban space? are there components increasing quality of space? what kind of mechanism affect quality of space?

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**European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP-CEU)**

The European Council of Spatial Planners - Conseil europén des urbanistes (ECTP-CEU), founded in 1985, brings together 24 professional town planning associations and institutes from 22 European countries. It is an umbrella association providing its members with a common framework for planning practice, planning education, continuing professional development and the definition of professional responsibilities. ECTP sets standards of education and conduct for the planning profession; identifies, celebrates and rewards examples of good planning all over Europe, and engages in dialogue with local, national and European government. Planners are enablers and specialists in spatial analysis and interaction, committed to working with other
professionals across disciplinary boundaries to advance the sustainable development of the both the natural and the built environment.

The current work of the Council includes:
• Dissemination of the revised New Charter of Athens on planning European cities in the 21st century;
• The design of a Vision enhancing the quality and efficiency of cities and urban life in Europe;
• The production of a guide to spatial planning and territorial cohesion;
• The publishing of the proceedings of major conferences on European spatial development and the preparation of forthcoming conferences;
• The preparation of the European Urban and Regional Planning Awards.

The International Society of City and Regional Planners ISOCARP
ISOCARP is a global association of experienced, professional planners. Founded in 1965 with a vision of bringing together recognised and highly qualified planners in an international network. ISOCARP is a NGO, recognised by the United Nations and the Council of Europe and with a consultative status with UNESCO.

International Federation for Housing and Planning IFHP
The International Federation for Housing and Planning is a world-wide network of professional institutions and individuals of many signatures active in the broad fields of housing, urban development and planning. With a main focus on sustainable development, the Federation
organises a wide range of activities and creates opportunities for the international exchange of knowledge and experience in these professional fields.

**European Urban Research Association EURA**

The European Urban Research Association (EURA) was launched at an international conference held in Brussels in September 1997. The association was established to respond to the need for a new kind of urban research association — one that would engage directly with policy debates relating to cities, encourage multidisciplinary research on urban issues and, in particular, encourage cross national research and policy exchange. Consequently, the aims of EURA are: (1) to encourage international exchange and co-operation in relation to urban research; (2) to stimulate and encourage interdisciplinary and cross-border urban research, and (3) to contribute to urban policy debates. With members in more than twenty countries EURA is a vibrant network of urban scholars and practitioners. The association has its own academic journal: Urban Research and Practice.

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TIMES OF SCARCITY – RECLAIMING THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING

School of Architecture and Built Environment (SABE) and Scarcity and Creativity in the Built Environment (SCIBE), University of Westminster, London, UK

Globalisation, climate change, resource depletion and financial crises are the prevailing – and often crippling – conditions which shape our immediate professional and academic lives and longer-term futures. In our times of rapid change, young planners, architects and designers must develop and adopt new and more holistic approaches to planning and design in order to engage in a meaningful manner with an increasingly urban world and to propose creative interventions that go beyond the immediately physical. The 3rd European Urban Summer School (EUSS) is a joint project of AESOP / ECTP-CEU / IFHP / ISOCARP and SCIBE, hosted by the University of Westminster, School of Architecture and the Built Environment in September 2012. It aims to bring together postgraduate students, emerging and
experienced academics and young and established
design and planning professionals from all over Europe
(and further away) to develop a better understanding of
some of the most pressing contemporary issues related
to the built environment and to amplify and strengthen
the links between planning- and design-relevant
research and professional practice.
*Special thanks to Saskia Sassen for allowing us to refer
with our title to her forthcoming chapter ‘Complex and
Incomplete: the possibility of making’ (in ‘Complex
Urban: Definitions across the disciplines and fields’).

Background
In 2010, the Association of European Schools of
Planning (AESOP) launched a new annual event: the
European Urban Summer School (EUSS) for young
professionals. AESOP wanted to bring together young
professionals and both experienced academics and
practitioners from across Europe to discuss planning
issues and invited European partners from other
planning
organizations to cooperate in this project. All partners
offered their teaching resources at European Urban
Summer School. The idea was to facilitate
transEuropean exchange and to foster a debate on the
most important planning topics. It was supposed to
promote all involved actors as bodies being able to help
politicians and other stakeholders in spatial
development and management issues.
The European Urban Summer School is intended as a
platform for debate and exchange and is run on
minimum fees for participants. Tutors do not get any
gratification for their work.
The first EUSS took place in Poland (2010), the second in Portugal (2011). In 2012, the following organisations have joined the EUSS: European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP-CEU), International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP), and the International Society for City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP). The event is one of the first projects within the framework of Decade of Planning 2011-2020.

Times of scarcity: reclaiming The possibility of making
The EUSS is an invitation – a call to arms – to engage in the quest for and development of new ways of thinking about and new tools in response to emerging issues of scarcity – a condition generally defined by the insufficiency of cultural, social or economic resources. But scarcity is about more than simple resource depletion: it is embedded in political, social and ecological systems. How and by whom is scarcity generated, engineered, constructed and perceived? What are we, as practitioners in an urban context, to do under conditions of scarcity in the built environment? The EUSS is an invitation to reclaim the possibility of making the city in our times of scarcity.

London is the capital city of England, the largest metropolitan area in the United Kingdom, and the largest urban zone in the European Union. Located on the River Thames, London has been a major settlement for two millennia. It is now considered a leading global city, the most visited city in the world and its largest financial centre. London will be the host the Summer Olympic Games 2012. In September 2012, the city – its population and infrastructure – will be beginning to recover from the Event and to cope with its legacy.
Participants in the EUSS will work and test their ideas on the case of a ‘deprived’ East London ward surrounded by highways and railway lines and located in-between central London, the Canary Wharf Estate and the Olympic site: Bromley-by-Bow. This is a contested urban territory typical of London, with many aspects of social inequality manifested spatially and socially. Sixty-one percent of households in this area are from ethnic minorities (particularly immigrants from Bangladesh); 43% of people aged 16-74 have no qualifications; unemployment is at almost three times the national level; almost 70% of tenure is council housing/housing association. The area features almost five times the national level of overcrowding and residents exhibit exceptionally poor health. Spectacular event architecture, hastily refurbished façades in anticipation of Olympic visitors and the everyday reality of historically neglected East London all offer the context for EUSS explorations: a charged territory awaiting the engagement of young planning and design professionals and their proposals for intelligent, creative interventions.

Format
This year, the European Urban Summer School will be hosted by London’s University of Westminster, founded as Britain’s first polytechnic in 1838 and has developed into a hub for business, professional and academic life. The School of Architecture and the Built Environment (SABE) is one of the country’s leading centres in the field. The main partner in facilitating the EUSS is the Scarcity and Creativity in the Built Environment (SCIBE) project team. Potential participants and tutors at the 3rd European Urban Summer School, Times of Scarcity – reclaiming the possibility of making, are encouraged to
apply via email as early as possible in order to be considered (see here for details on the application process for participants and tutors).

The EUSS 2012 Joint Committee (Deljana Iossifova and Jeremy Till (University of Westminster), Maros Finka (AESOP), Dominique Lancrenon (ECTP-CEU), Piotr Lorens (ISOCARP), Derek Martin (IFHP) and Iżabela Mironowicz (AESOP)) will select up to 60 Young Planning Professionals and the most suitable tutors. Based on existing research into the perception and modes of scarcity in the study area, the SCI-BE team will provide EUSS tutors and participants with an in-depth briefing document identifying its economic, cultural, social and environmental assets and shortcomings. Participants will then work from a grounded understanding of contemporary issues in the study area to develop proposals for solutions and test those using long-term future scenarios. Facilities for lectures and workshops, working space and internet access for up to 60 participants will be provided at the University of Westminster’s recently refurbished Marylebone Campus. In order to facilitate communication with the local community in the study area, workshops and events will also take place in the Kingsley Hall community centre during weekends.

Important dates:
31 May 2012: Application deadline
15 June 2012: Notification of selected participants
31 July 2012: Final registration deadline (incl. payment of registration fee)
21-30 September 2012: 3rd European Urban Summer School