

4th 4C5M Studio Conference: *City Development, Preservation, and Hospitality*

Call for Papers

Date: June 13-15, 2013

Location: Tongli Town (a traditional water village)

Organizer: 4C5M Studio

Co-organizer and Sponsor: College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University, Shanghai, China

Host: Tongli Town, Suzhou, Jiangsu, China

Support: World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAP Shanghai)

4C5M Studio invites papers that explore the challenging issues under the theme of urban space and social life. This year's conference will emphasize the topic on *City Development, Preservation, and Hospitality*. As always, we stress the interlocking principle between theory and practice. The conference will feature 7 lectures and 15 panels. The keynote speakers are:

- 1) Lin Gang Qiang, Vice Director of The Administration Committee of Lili Old Town, Fenu Economic Development Zone, Wujiang, Suzhou
- 2) Zhang Jijiao, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Science, Beijing, China
- 3) Marco Cristofori, professional photographer, Spain
- 4) Hirochika Nakamaki, National Museum of Ethnology, Japan
- 5) Sharon Zukin, Brooklyn College and the City University of New York Graduate Center, USA
- 6) Bill Boler, Business in Community, London, UK
- 7) Mark Jayne, University of Manchester, UK

4C5M Studio's mission and the Tongji University initiative are designed to raise the intellectual and practicing consciousness on many urgent issues in rapid city re/development. In many city re/developmental projects, what roles does preservation play in re/creating warm and welcoming living environment for all walks of life? Yet, we would like to expand the concept of preservation which goes beyond preserving a physical structure to include values, lifestyle, culture, and communities; the concept of hospitality beyond restaurant and hotel businesses to include the environment and design of the place which are welcoming and people -friendly.

The goal is to inspire collaboration among academia, professionals, artists, business sectors to investigate the concerns on the balance among economic development, social, and cultural life in a sustainable city.

Tongli, 11 miles from Suzhou, China, is a well -preserved water village with more than 1,000 years of history and culture. The conference will be held in a world heritage site, Tuisi Garden, a residential house inside the water village. In collaboration with College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University, Shanghai, China, the conference is organized by 4C5M Studio*, hosted by Town of Tongli.

The scope of this studio and our conferences ranges from the study of a single built form, to a village, a community, a city, and a nation that is constantly impacted by multifaceted forces from rural and urban to global developments. The conference** expresses a broad interest in, but is not limited to, the following themes:

- Heritage, culture, lifestyle in city/community/neighborhood development and planning
- The role of tourism/restaurants/ hotels/boutique hotels in city development and planning
- Demolition and preservation
- Garden city / healthy city
- The locals becoming strangers in fast -changing cityscape
- Guest workers in projects of city development
- Impact of globalization on preserving city/community/neighborhood
- Interpersonal relationships among new residents, guest workers, ethno-religious others, visitors, and the locals in cities in process
- Gated communities, large housing estates, villages in cities
- Consuming city: urban businesses, more than a “\$”sign
- City heartbeats, city lungs

Important Dates:

April 10, 2013	Deadline for panel proposal / abstract submission
May 1, 2013	Notification of acceptance / rejection
May 1, 2013	Registration open US\$350 for presenters; companions US\$100
May 25, 2013	Registration late fee starts, US\$400
June 13-15, 2013	Conference
June 13, 2013	Set off from Tongji University to Tongli
June 16, 2013	Day trip to Suzhou (first come first serve) and/or back to Tongji University

Registration fee includes round bus-trip between Shanghai and Tongli Town, meals (first day lunch and dinner and closing ceremony dinner), and a boat ride on the canal in Tongli Town. A trip to Suzhou, a city of silk, is optional. The cost of the guided tour includes transportation, a lunch, and fees for Zhuo Zheng Garden, Lion Garden, Suzhou Museum, Silk Museum, a canal boat trip, and Guan Qian Street (local commercial street).

Please submit the name (s) of the author(s), affiliation, title with an abstract or a panel proposal abstract with its papers’ abstracts to Sally Ho at sally.ho@4c5mstudio.org by April 10, 2013. All abstracts and proposals should be within 250 words. A short 2,000 words paper should be submitted to Sally Ho before May 31, 2013.

* Please visit www.4c5mstudio.org/conference/conference-at-tongli-town-suzhou-jiangsu-china/ for more information.

** The conference medium is English.