



**Australasian Universities Building Education Association
(AUBEA)
35th Annual Conference**

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT(S)

Melbourne School of Design
The University of Melbourne, Parkville, Victoria

July 14-16, 2010

Call for Papers

The Australasian Universities Building Education Association (AUBEA) is now calling for contributions to its 35th annual conference, which will be hosted by the Melbourne School of Design at the University of Melbourne on July 14-16, 2010.

This year's conference will focus on the management of construction, understood in a very broad sense to incorporate any discipline that improves our ability to manage the industrial structure, the planning and production process, the distribution process, or the output of building.

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About AUBEA

The Australasian Universities Building Education Association (AUBEA) is a membership-based, non-profit organization created in 1975 to promote and improve teaching and research in building through communication and collaboration. It comprises academics representing all universities throughout Australia, New Zealand, and the wider Asia-Pacific region, which provide education in building-related fields.

AUBEA has an executive made of representatives from member institutions that meets twice a year, and maintains a strong connection to industry and professional associations.

Since its inception, AUBEA has been running an Annual Conference, intended as a forum for pedagogical and disciplinary reflections, institutional exchange, and collective growth.

About the Conference

The focus of this year's conference is the management of construction.

Rather than automatically associating the meaning of these two words to the area of expertise labelled as 'construction management', we intentionally set out to interpret their connection in the broadest possible way, to incorporate any discipline that improves our ability to manage the industrial structure, the planning and production process, the distribution process, or the output of building.

In other words, what should the sophisticated pairing of 'construction' and 'management' designate or include today — particularly from an intellectual perspective? Predetermined or new academic disciplines, specific training or work issues, micro or macro problems, cultural dispositions towards problem definition and problem solving?

Irrespective of the possible answers, can we presuppose curricular bases? If so, to what extent? Similarly, can we identify — normatively or historically — the kinds of research we should engage with, or the kinds of teachers/scholars who should be involved?

These questions (and of course the answers to them) are critical for tertiary educators in building programs across the entire Australasian region, but particularly in Australia, where the dynamics of the industry, combined with the ongoing restructuring of building courses and the faltering support for research in construction, raise issues with regard to the nature and use of the education on offer in the various areas, the market for it, and the role that educational providers should play in advancing or maintaining the state of knowledge.

In light of the changes recently undergone in its overall structure, the Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne is keen to provide a platform for AUBEA to reflect on such issues, by implicitly subjecting its own choices to criticism and debate vis-à-vis alternative strategies and/or agendas.

Contributions are therefore sought from individuals as well as institutions that, on the basis of the questions suggested above, can help map an inclusive territory for managing construction, define or reinforce its environmental connections and boundaries, or steer the travel in specific directions — essentially by clarifying their own intellectual and operative position against issues that are specifically deemed or relevance.

This can be done by describing epistemological stances, work carried out by the presenters, curricular choices, teaching strategies, problems to address, gaps to fill, areas to bridge, tools to develop, knowledge streams to pursue, research undertaken or to undertake, issues to consider, or constituencies to respond to, in every area covered by the programs of building schools.

As in the best tradition of AUBEA conferences, the range of possible topics is wide, with the small proviso that each paper should contribute to stimulate a 'reflective' and possibly organic discussion on the overarching theme.

Student stream

Since higher research degree students are the linchpin connecting academic present and future, a section of the AUBEA meeting will be devoted to the presentation of their work on related matters.

Research funding discussion

In light of the Federal Government's current Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative, another section of the meeting will be used to discuss the funded research environment in Australia, and the space this leaves to building-related studies.

Key dates

Please note the following important dates for the AUBEA 2010 Conference:

- February 28 Expressions of interest due
- April 20 Full papers due
- May 20 Acceptance/rejection notification
- April 20 Early bird registration opens
- June 7 Early bird registration closes
- June 26 Final paper submission
- July 14-16 Conference dates

Submission details

Abstracts

Abstracts will be used as expressions of interest and for conference structuring purposes. We would like to receive short, clear abstracts, not exceeding 300 words. They should include the name(s) and affiliations of the author(s), title, summary of content of the intended paper. Abstracts should be e-mailed to: aubea2010@unimelb.edu.au. Referees will review papers only.

Initial paper submissions

Submitted papers should not be longer than 3,000 words and be formatted in PDF, with a file size not to exceed 5mb. Name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s) should only appear in the first page. Papers should be sent to: aubea2010@unimelb.edu.au. A paper template will soon be available on the conference web site, at www.msd.unimelb.edu.au/aubea2010/.

The format of the template is as follows:

Length: 2000 - 3000 words.

Paper size: A4, 1.5 lines spacing.

Margin: 2.5cm top/bottom and 3.5cm left/right.

Title: Times New Roman, upper case bold, 14 point, 24 pt before and 18 pt after.

Text: Times New Roman, 12 point, 6 pt before and 12 pt after.

Main Headings: Bold and all in capitals, 24 pt before and 12 pt after.

Sub-Headings: Bold and lower case, 12 pt before and 6 pt after.

No underlining.

Images, charts and tables should be titled, numbered, and embedded in the text.

Captions: a) reference/title: Times New Roman, lower case bold, 10 point, 0 pt before 24 pt after; b) text: Times New Roman, lower case, 10 point, 0 pt before 24 pt after.

Harvard referencing.

In principle, the structure of the paper should contain an abstract outlining purpose, scope, methods and conclusions, plus selected keywords. The text should be organised in separate sections consisting of introduction, main body, conclusions, and references.

All submissions will be double blind peer-reviewed.

Final manuscripts

All accepted papers must be submitted electronically in their final form as a word document by June 26. All final manuscripts will be included in the electronic conference proceedings subject to peer review acceptance.

Conference Proceedings

Conference proceedings will be available as part of the conference package. The technical committee will select the best papers and invite its authors to extend them into chapters for a book on education and research on the management of construction or articles for the *Australasian Journal of Construction Economics and Building*.

A draft conference programme will soon be posted on the conference web site, at www.msd.unimelb.edu.au/aubea2010/.

Conference Fees and Registration

Conference delegate

AU\$400.00 incl. GST (before June 7, 2010)

AU\$500.00 incl. GST (after June 7, 2010)

The above fees include conference proceedings, welcome reception, conference dinner, lunches, morning & afternoon refreshments.

Accompanying Person

AU\$150.00 incl. GST.

The fee includes welcome reception and conference dinner, lunches, morning & afternoon refreshments.

Students

AU\$150.00 incl. GST. The fee includes conference proceedings, welcome reception, lunches, morning & afternoon refreshments.

Conference Venue

The 35th Annual Conference will be held in the Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne, in Parkville, Victoria, from July 14 to July 16, 2010.

Accommodation

A special AUBEA Conference rate is being negotiated with hotels adjacent to the University of Melbourne. Details will soon be posted on the conference website.

Conference Contacts

All queries on the content and the organizational details of the conference should be addressed to the Conference Coordinator, aubea2010@unimelb.edu.au.