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Frontiers of planning: Evolving and declining models of planning practice
edited by Monique Abud

Conference takes place: 1-4 October 2013 Location: Brisbane, Australia Deadline for abstracts: 30 April 2013 Contemporary urbanization is different from past city development. Above all else we have now entered the urban millennium so cities and city planning are critical to the majority of the world's now urbanized population. In this sense we have entered a "new world." The scale and speed of change challenge the traditional plans of governments in rapidly changing urban regions.
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Second world urbanity: Between capitalist and communist utopias
edited by Monique Abud

Conference takes place: June 21-23, 2013 Location: The Centre for the History and Culture of East Central Europe, Leipzig Papers proposal: February 1, 2013 In 1967 the architecture critic Ada Louise Huxtable published a long piece in the New York Times on Soviet advances in urban planning and construction. Surprisingly for the Cold War era, the author openly praised the Soviets for creating a country-wide system of mass production of standardized prefabricated cheap housing, prefabricated cheap housing, 'an architectural sputnik' in her own words.
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Blue-sky thinking may need new Olympian vision
edited by Jacqueline Nivard

Blue-sky thinking may need new Olympian vision Summer of 2008 remembered fondly for victory over air pollution, report Wu Wencong, Cui Jia and Tang Yue. It's now four and a half years since Beijing hosted the Olympic Games, and the event is frequently recalled with affection. But the

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nostalgia is not centered on the fine displays of athleticism or the exciting opening ceremony.
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Shuimotou, an earth made village

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Shuimotou, an earth made village in China. Photo credit : T. Montereau Shuimotou, an earth made village in China: conference by Thomas Montreau, Chaillot School, training department of the City of Architecture and Heritage. Franco-Chinese workshop, a cooperation between Tongji University, China and Chaillot School, France Seminar « Usages techniques, objets élaborés et patrimoine culturel immatériel dans le monde chinois »

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2012年社科院《城乡一体化蓝皮书》

written by Ai Chi-Han

Ru xin 汝信, Fu chonglan 傅崇兰 (2013), Chengxiang yiti hua lanpishu - zhongguo chengxiang yiti hua fazhan baogao 城乡一体化蓝皮书-中国城乡一体化发展报告, Shehui kexue wenxian chubanshe 社会科学文献出版社, 420 p. ISBN: 978-7-5097-4145-0 2013年1月15日, 中国社会科学院当代城乡发展规划院、社会科学文献出版社联合主办的“统筹城乡发展改善民生, 建设小康社会”研讨会在北京召开, 在该研讨会上, 中国社会科学院一并公布了2012年《城乡一体化蓝皮书-中国城乡一体化发展报告》。该报告是由中国社会科学院当代城乡发展规划院主编, 社会科学文献出版社出版。自2011年开始, 该报告每年针对中国城镇化的城乡规划、产业布局、基础设施、公共服务、土地、户籍、教育、农民工、社保改革等方面提供分析角度与看法。

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Improving housing conditions in poor neighbourhoods

written by Sébastien Goulard

The current marketisation of the housing sector in China cannot solve every housing issue. Government still needs to intervene in order to reduce poverty and provide low-cost housing for the most vulnerable inhabitants. This is the point of view of Ying Chang and Graham Tipple (Newcastle University) in their article entitled Realities of life and housing in a poor neighbourhood in urban China.

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