

Urban Age Conference
Shaping Cities: conflicts of an urban age
Venice Biennale 14-15 July 2016

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We are writing to invite you to participate in the Urban Age Shaping Cities Conference.

Please could you RSVP by Wednesday 22 June to secure your attendance. Please could you also send us details of your itinerary when it is finalised.

The conference will take place in the Arsenale complex of the Venice Biennale from 10.30–18.00 on 14 and 15 July. Unfortunately we are not able to cover your travel and accommodation expenses for the trip, however we will provide a three-day pass for the Venice Biennale.

Hosted together with the Biennale di Venezia and United Nations' Habitat III, the conference will investigate how people, institutions, policymakers, investors and designers affect the physical form of cities, and how this impacts on the way we live in them.

The conference will be attended by UN Habitat Executive Director Joan Clos; curator of the Venice Architecture Biennale and Pritzker Prize laureate Alejandro Aravena; urban leaders Enrique Peñalosa from Bogotá and Jennifer Musisi from Kampala as well as leading academics Saskia Sassen, AbdouMaliq Simone, Ed Glaeser, Richard Sennett and key urban thinkers and practitioners including Rahul Mehrotra and Henk Ovink. Please see the attached summary for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a unique occasion to discuss how we can better understand and shape our urban futures. We will be in touch closer to the time with further information about the programme and schedule of events.

Yours sincerely

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