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Dear Readers,
Planum is glad to present you the 44th Conference of the Urban Affairs Association:

Borders and Boundaries in an Age of Global Urbanization*With special track on Urban Issues in Central & South America and the Caribbean**March 19-22, 2014 | San Antonio, Texas***THE ASSOCIATION**

The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) is the international professional organization for urban scholars, researchers, and public service professionals. Founded in 1969, today UAA includes over 600 institutional, individual, and student members from colleges and universities throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

The Urban Affairs Association is dedicated to creating interdisciplinary spaces for engaging in intellectual and practical discussions about urban life. Through theoretical, empirical, and action-oriented research, the UAA fosters diverse activities to understand and shape a more just and equitable urban world. (Adopted March 12, 2010)

The Urban Affairs Association holds a conference each spring in an urban center. These yearly conferences are an integral part of UAA's efforts to increase knowledge about urban places and promote the development of research activities. They provide an excellent opportunity for members to exchange ideas, information, and experiences. Although formal papers are presented, with selected papers published, the conference format also allows opportunities for informal activities designed to foster professional networking and open discussion.

44th CONFERENCE THEME**2014 Theme: Borders and Boundaries in an Age of Global Urbanization**

Urban areas have grown at an unprecedented rate in the last decade. More of the world's population now lives in cities than in any other context. International trade, capital investment and divestment, migration, and porous economic, social and political boundaries fuel this global urbanization. Enormous governance challenges result for megacities and fast-growing urban centers due to in-migration and other trends, particularly in the global south. The conference site, San Antonio, is a global city with a population of approximately 1.3 million, in a significant border region with boundaries that defy simple conceptualizations. It is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, and one of its most ethnically

diverse, with almost 70 percent of its native and immigrant residents being of Hispanic descent. It provides a particularly apt setting to explore borders and boundaries and how they shape urban affairs in the 21st Century.

Subtopics of the 44th Conference are broadly framed as:

<p>• GLOBAL URBANIZATION</p> <p><i>Outcomes and Impact</i> What have been the outcomes and impact of invented social, political, and economic tools and processes that have helped fueled global urbanization?</p> <p>What have been some positive effects of global urbanization?</p> <p><i>Winners and Losers</i> Who benefits and loses in the age of global urbanization?</p>	<p>• BORDERS AND BOUNDARIES</p> <p>How are borders and boundaries uniquely defined in the urban context? Where are borders located and how are they socially constructed? How have they evolved?</p> <p><i>Consequences and Implications</i> What are the consequences of immigration policies and processes in the formation and transformation of social categories (race, ethnicity, gender, etc.)?</p> <p>What are the implications of the constructed social boundaries? Which groups are granted access? Which groups are denied access?</p>
<p>• GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES FOR MEGACITIES AND FAST GROWING URBAN CENTERS</p> <p><i>Governance</i> In light of mounting economic, political, and environmental crises, what innovative solutions have been employed by those charged with the governance of megacities and fast growing urban centers?</p>	<p>• INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION</p> <p>What have been some interesting and innovative partnerships and collaborations that have addressed prevailing 21st century social and economic disparities in urban city centers?</p> <p>What have been some unique collaborative efforts undertaken to help foster sustainable and equitable urban development?</p>

Special Conference Tracks

<p>• URBAN ISSUES IN CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN</p> <p>The Central America, South America, and Caribbean region has been marked by urbanization, governance/political challenges, poverty, income equality, growth of low-income settlements, as well as political, fiscal, social and cultural barriers to interventions. In response to these challenges, innovative policies and experiments have been launched in metropolitan governance, coordinated urban-rural development, regional planning, new town development, sustainable and carbon-neutral urbanization, and other proposed solutions to urban problems.</p> <p>What have been the lessons and outcomes of these mixed initiatives and experiments? How have nations and regions sought to create sustainable and equitable urban development in the Central & South American and Caribbean region?</p>
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ADDITIONAL TOPICS

In addition to exploring the topics that frame the conference theme and special track, we encourage proposals that focus on the broad array of research topics typically found at UAA conferences:

- Arts, Culture in Urban Contexts
- Disaster Planning/Disaster Management for Urban Areas, Cities and National Security
- Economic Development, Redevelopment, Tourism, Urban Economics, Urban Finance
- Education, Schools, Higher Education Institutions
- Environmental Issues, Sustainability, Urban Health, Technology and Society

- Globalization, Multi-national Urban Issues
- Governance, Intergovernmental Relations, Regionalism, Urban Management
- Historic Preservation, Space and Place
- Historical Perspectives on Cities, Urban Areas
- Housing, Neighborhoods, Community Development
- Human Services and Urban Populations, Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector in Urban Contexts
- Immigration, Population and Demographic Trends
- Infrastructure, Capital Projects, Networks, Transport, Urban Services
- Labor, Employment, Wages, Training
- Land Use, Growth Management, Urban Development, Urban Planning
- Poverty, Welfare, Income Inequality
- Professional Development, The Field of Urban Affairs
- Public Safety in Urban Areas, Criminal Justice, Household Violence
- Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Diversity
- Social Capital, Democracy and Civil Society, Social Theory, Religion and the City
- Urban Communication (Urban Media Roles, Urban Journalism, Social Media/Technology in Urban Life)
- Urban Design, Urban Architecture
- Urban Indicators, Data/Methods, Satisfaction/Quality of Life Surveys
- Urban Politics, Elections, Citizen Participation
- Urban Theory, Theoretical and Conceptual Issues in Urban Affairs
- SPECIAL TRACK: Urban Issues in Central & South America and the Caribbean

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Abstract or Session Proposal submission deadline: 01.10.2013

Acceptance or rejection notices: 18.11.2013

Early registration deadline: 6.01.2014

Late registration deadline: 2.02.2014 | **Important: Your paper may be removed from the program if you fail to register by date**

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- **44th Conference website**
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