



Editorial



Message from the Executive Dean

It gives me great pleasure to launch the first e-Newsletter from the Department of Town and Regional Planning, at the University of Johannesburg. The Department of Town and Regional Planning is one of the Departments within the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment and offers the National Diploma in Town and Regional Planning and the B.Tech in Town and Regional Planning.

The department is one of the three institutions in South Africa offering these qualifications. With the launch of this e-Newsletter, the Department of Town and Regional Planning at the UJ is poised to strengthen its network with students, alumni's, external institutions / organizations associated with the urban planning and development sector, municipal / urban development entities, and universities.

I am sure with its forthcoming issues, the users of this e-Newsletter would get benefits in terms of knowledge associated with the urban and regional planning field not only from South Africa but from the world over. I wish the Department of Town & Regional Planning success in its future endeavors and encourage such initiatives for integrating academics, research and consulting.

Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala
Executive Dean
Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment

Vision Statement :
Department of Town and Regional Planning

“A Planning Institution of Diverse Choice Excelling in Teaching, Research and Practice”

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Message from the Head of the Department

With this year, the Department of Town and Regional Planning decided to bring out an e-Newsletter on a monthly basis. The objective of such an initiative is to develop strong linkages / partnerships among its alumni, key stakeholders both public and private sector and academic institutions. The purpose is to link alumni and the key stakeholders for the benefit of students, as well as to collaborate on common research interests.



In the long run, this e-Newsletter would serve as a planning resource to be used by stakeholders associated with the planning profession and with the UJ. This e-Newsletter would focus on key planning updates from the region as well as from other parts of the world, initiatives by the department, and news update from select stakeholders besides a featured column on planning issues.

It would be an opportunity to hear from all of you about the initiatives that could be shared through this platform and we look forward to an active participation from the members. With this I would like to urge students, alumni and other partners to submit contributions to make this e-Newsletter a success.

Martin P Lewis
Head of the Department
Department of Town and Regional Planning



Mr. Aurobindo Ogra, has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Town and Regional Planning, School of Civil Engineering and the Built Environment, Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment from 1st Dec 2009.

Mr. Ogra is an Indian national and prior to joining UJ he has been associated with the urban sector for the last eight years and worked in companies like KPMG, IL&FS and IPE. He holds a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) and a B.Tech (Construction Technology) from CEPT University (India), one of the reputed institutes in India offering programmes in human settlements and the built environment. Mr. Ogra also holds a Master of Arts in Business Economics from Annamalai University (India).

He has worked on multi-disciplinary projects associated with the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), and various State Governments. Some of the key project involvement include: e-Governance in Municipalities, Tourism Infrastructure and Planning, Municipal Reforms, City Development Plan, Urban Governance and Capacity Building etc.

Apart from his formal qualifications, his research interest include: Urban Planning and City Management, GIS, Urban Reforms / Municipal Governance, and Tourism. He is a member of various international associations, and had been a recipient of an Urban Habitat Forum Fellowship (India), and Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI) Fellowship, Hungary.

Besides active involvement in research, academics and consulting, Mr. Ogra has contributed one of the case studies on new public governance in action in a book titled "Handbook on New Public Governance", published by the Centre for Civil Society (CCS), India.

Mr. Martin Lewis attended the South Africa's Green Economy Summit 2010 – Towards a Resource Efficient, Low Carbon and Pro-Employment Growth Path, that was held at the Sandton Convention Centre on 18-20 May 2010. The purpose of the summit was set to gather valuable insights on key focus areas relating to Resource Efficient, Low Carbon and Pro-Employment Growth. The main objectives of the summit were to: gather inputs in preparation for the national plan and priority actions; identify and confirm the key elements of a Green Economy path in South African terms; and start building national consensus on the Green Economy path as an innovative way towards Sustainable Consumption and Production patterns.



More information on the above can be obtained from the website:

<http://www.sagreeneconomy.co.za/2about.html>

Presentations were made by a number of prominent persons, which inter alia included President Jacob Zuma, Ministers Naledi Pandor (Minister of Science and Technology), Buyelwa Sonjica (Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs), Ebrahim Patel (Minister of Economic Development) and Susan Shabangu (Minister of Mineral Resources). The Plenary sessions addressed an International Perspective, Financing and Investment, Industry development, Green Jobs, Green Economy and Sustainable development.

The Parallel sessions addressed topics such as Clean and Alternative Energy, Waste Management, Sustainable Transport, Green Buildings and Built Environment, Sustainable consumption and production, Policy Frameworks and governance, Green Cities and Towns, Waste Management, Resource conservation and management, Technology and innovation, and Green economy in practice. The presentations for the South Africa's Green Economy Summit 2010 are available on:

<http://www.sagreeneconomy.co.za/3news.html>

Department of Town and Regional Planning

The Department of Town and Regional Planning, University of Johannesburg is one of the 11 Institutions in South Africa offering programmes in Town and Regional Planning. The department offers programmes in the National Diploma and B.Tech in Town and Regional Planning. The University of Johannesburg is a member of the Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS) currently consisting of 38 planning institutions of Africa.

Mr. Martin Lewis and Mr. George Onatu attended the Southern African leg of a series of training workshops on Case Study research that was held in Ekurhuleni, organised by the Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS). The Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS) is a voluntary, peer-to-peer network of planning schools offering town/urban and regional planning. The aim of the AAPS is thus to exchange information between African Planning schools. The AAPS is a member of GPEAN, which links nine planning school associations across the globe.



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Current projects of the AAPS are the Revitalising of Planning Education and the Case Research and Publication projects. The Revitalising of Planning Education project aims to promote the review and revision of African planning curricula, enhancing planning school networks and to encourage and facilitate research and publication. The Case Research and Publication project aims to increase case study research capacity amongst African urban planning academics. The AAPS has a total number of 38 planning schools from 14 countries. The countries currently represented are Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

More information on the AAPS can be obtained from their website at :



<http://www.africanplanningschools.org.za>

http://www.africanplanningschools.org.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=121:case-study-research-and-publication-project&catid=43:projects-articles&Itemid=65



The University of Johannesburg held Graduation ceremonies in March and May. 39 students from the National Diploma programme and 9 students from the B.Tech programme graduated in Town and Regional Planning. The students are:

National Diploma in Town and Regional Planning:

Hadebe Lwazilwenkosi Thabani, Khosa Nithu, Langa Mpho, Langa Xolisile Nonhlanhla Patience, Mbonane Gunamaswazi Sabelo, Mcwabeni Walter Skhumbuzo, Moholo Garetsiose Gratitude, Mtebule Tintswalo Confidance, Nakene Koena Asnath, Ngoana Tshepho Maxwell, Nkabinde Patricia, Peu Lerato Cathrine, Senoamadi Tumelo Thapedi Moses, Sithole Lloyd Thabang, Van der Schyff Alex, Baloyi Marcia Rirhandzu, Bapeekke Muhammed Ahmed, Dlamini Mpendulo Mindyou, Golele Pogiso Kingsley, Gxashe Ludwe Sizinzo, Lethale Moratuwa Elizabeth, Luvau Claudia Vanusa Correia, Mashala Ngoako Ishmael, Masuku Stephen Jacob Velile, Matjiane Elizabeth Kerikitsa, Mkhathswa Sihle Tebenguni, Ndungane Yongama Siggibo Karabo, Neves Johnny Warren, Nkabinde Ntokozo Nina, Ntumba Mthokozisi Edwin, Phahlamohlaka Benjamin Makelepeng, Radipabe Oteng Fortunate, Ramathhabe Makhubudi Mary, Ratone Trevor Tumelo, Sekhu Mahlatse Melvin, Songo Portia Swane, Thango Nonkululeko Patricia, Thoka Lerato Given, Thwala Andiswa Noxolo

B.Tech in Town and Regional Planning:

Mathobo Fulufhelo, Mitev Andreas, Ndongeni Mandisa, Baloyi Malebo Anastina, Fenyane Tebogo William, Makou Thabo, Mazibuko Zamokuhle, Nelwamondo Mashudu Nhlanhla, Tshabalala Gladness Dudu.

The Department of Town and Regional Planning wishes to congratulate these diplomats and graduates on their achievement and hope to see them back at the UJ in future for further advance studies.

Student Paper Competition

The Department of Town and Regional Planning has launched its first student paper competition opened to current students registered for the National Diploma TRP and B.Tech TRP at the University of Johannesburg.

The topics for the first Student Paper Competition are :

Topic 1: Development control is a process by which society, represented by local elected councils, regulates changes in the use and appearance of the environment, what are the problems and challenges associated with this in South Africa? **Topic 2:** Low Carbon Cities. **Topic 3:** How effective is the development of low-cost housing schemes in addressing South African segregated urban landscape? Planners view on the relationship between population increase and labour force in South Africa. **Topic 4:** Community participation in planning process. **Topic 5:** The problem associated with global charter on climate change and implication for development planning. **Topic 6:** Discussion on planning theory and its link to current day South Africa.

From all topics mentioned above, one overall best paper would be selected for a Best Paper Award. The winner of the Best Paper Award will receive a cash prize sponsored by Eduard van der Linde and Associates. The winning papers will also be posted on the sponsorer's website. Only single author papers would be accepted. A student can submit a maximum of three papers under the above topics. The last date for submission of papers is 11th June, 2010. For more information on the paper requirements please contact the Department of Town and Regional Planning.

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Department of Town and Regional Planning | School of Civil Engineering and the Built Environment
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The Department of Town and Regional Planning at UJ invites its National Diploma and B.Tech students to submit an original paper on any one of the following topics:

- Topic 1** Development control is a process by which society, represented by local elected councils, regulates changes in the use and appearance of the environment, what are the problems and challenges associated with this in South Africa?
- Topic 2** Low Carbon Cities
- Topic 3** How effective is the development of low-cost housing schemes in addressing South African segregated urban landscape? Planners view on the relationship between population increase and labour force in South Africa.
- Topic 4** Community participation in planning process
- Topic 5** The problem associated with global charter on climate change and implication for development planning.
- Topic 6** Discussion on planning theory and its link to current day South Africa.

Awards
From all the topics mentioned above, one overall best paper would be selected for a Best Paper Award. The winner of the Best Paper Award will receive a cash prize of R600. The department reserves the right not to allocate the prize if the papers submitted are not of a sufficient standard.

Eligibility
The paper competition is open to registered students in the National Diploma and B.Tech - Town and Regional Planning, Department of Town and Regional Planning, University of Johannesburg. Only single author papers will be accepted. A student can submit a maximum of three papers under various topics.

Deadline
The last date for submission of papers is 11th June, 2010.

Paper Requirements
Submitted papers must meet scholastic requirements. The papers should not exceed 6 pages, A4 size, Times New Roman, Font Size 12, One Column, Single Spacing, Justified, 25 mm margins on all sides, page numbers centered at bottom, Abstract <200 words, Title Page - Centered in Capital, Font Size 14, Author, Font Size 12

Submission
Hard copy / soft copy should reach the department on or before the paper submission deadline of 11th June (Word format only), soft copy can be emailed at: mrtdr@uj.ac.za

Contact
For paper confirmation or further information, you may contact: Mr. Martin Lewis, Head of the Department on the above address and email.

Industry Partner Sponsor First Student Paper Competition



The first student paper competition has been sponsored by Eduard van der Linde and Associates, Town Planning Consultants. The company has 30 years' experience and specializes in property, town planning, feasibility studies and development consulting domains. The company is managed by Mr. Eduard van der Linde as the principal consultant and a registered Town and Regional Planner. Prior to 1992, Mr. Eduard was employed by Rand Mines Properties (RMP) - at that stage probably the largest township developer in the country. During this period Eduard was involved with and responsible for the establishment of more than 20 townships in an area stretching from Roodepoort (Robertville, Stormill and Diepkloof) in the West, through the central parts of Johannesburg (Riverlea, Crown, Crown South, Ormonde, Aeroton, Mondeor, Meredale, Theta, Selby, City Deep, Denver, Heriotdale) and Germiston (Wadeville and Tunney) to as far east as Fulcrum and Selcourt in Springs. These were primarily industrial townships, but also included several commercial, retail (Southgate and Highgate) and residential applications. During this period, he also got involved with industrial development, valuations and expropriation negotiations.

Since 1992, this consultancy's exposure includes a variety of township establishments, potential assessments, rezonings and subdivisions – primarily in Gauteng, but also including projects in Mpumalanga (Lydenburg -), KZN (Ladysmith and Nottingham Road) and Port Elizabeth. Current clients include large developers (Dimension Property Holdings, Tennidum, iProp and MFI) and also a large number of individual land owners. Eduard van der Linde and Associates also provided the town planning input for Eskom's Soweto Integration Project. The company functions in strategic association with a variety of other professionals in the property industry such as consulting engineers, environmental consultants, land surveyors, geotechnical experts and legal experts. The company can be reached at the following address: PO Box 44310, Linden, 2104, Tel: (011) 782 2348, Fax: (011) 888 8095, email: eduard@thetownplanner.co.za, website: www.thetownplanner.co.za.



This group is open to Faculty members, Alumni and students of the Department of Town and Regional Planning, University of Johannesburg, and the same department of the erstwhile Technikon Witwatersrand. The LinkedIn Group is meant for and aimed at professional among its faculty members, alumni's, and students and business collaboration. Features include:

- General discussion : Open for members of UJ and erstwhile Witwatersrand Technikon
- News Updates : Planning project updates / information
- Jobs / Placements : For putting any potential jobs / positions for members
- Global Planning : Open to external members for networking like planning institutions
- Mentorships : Forum for voluntary mentors for helping students / members
- Research : Discussion regarding research themes aligned with departments agenda
- Resource Persons : Database of key resource persons

Forward Report as...

Alumni's and students of the Department of Town and Regional Planning at the UJ can network with each other on a LinkedIn group created by the Department of Town and Regional Planning in May 2010. The LinkedIn group is open to faculty members, alumni's and students of the Department of Town and Regional Planning at the UJ and the same department of the erstwhile Technikon Witwatersrand. The LinkedIn group is meant for and aimed at professional networking among its faculty members, alumni's and students and business collaboration. The features include : general discussions, news updates, jobs / placements, global planning, mentorships, research and resource persons. As on 31st May, the newly created group has had a base of 30 members. For connecting to the group, you may send a request mail to Mr. Martin Lewis at martinl@uj.ac.za or Mr. Aurobindo Ogra at aogra@uj.ac.za. Alternatively, the request can be made by accessing the group profile directly at LinkedIn groups.

Open Day @ UJ



The UJ organized its Open Day on 8th May. Hundreds of students from various schools interacted with staff and students of the Department of Town and Regional Planning at its academic stall. The department provided an interactive presentation providing details about programmes being offered, course details, career options, etc. The visiting students and their parents showed keen interest in the town and regional planning profession.

Site Track @ TRP



Site Track is the student body of the Department of Town and Regional Planning, aimed at representing planning students and supporting them in terms of exposure to industry, academic excellence, information dissemination, organizing seminars and workshops, site visits, etc. Students registered in Town and Regional Planning programmes can become members of Site Track. The executive committee of Site Track for 2010 is : Lebohlang Radebe (Chairperson), Tebogo Mahomole (Vice Chair), Thato Matshitsa (Academic Officer), Kabelo Mandli (Social Officer), Mbali Nkosi (Treasurer), Simphiwe Hlatshwayo (Conceptualiser), Refilwe Matebane (Task Team Coordinator), Katlego Maserumule (Secretary).



The following new books on the field of Town and Regional Planning arrived at the library on Doornfontein campus:

- New Urbanism & American Planning: The Conflict of Cultures / E. Talen
- Olympic Cities: City Agendas, Planning and the World's Games, 1896-2012 / J.R. Gold (Ed.)
- Planning by Consent: The Origins and Nature of British Development Control / P. Booth
- Shaping the City: Studies in History, Theory and Urban Design / R. El-Khoury
- The Hidden Millions: Homelessness in Developing Countries / G. Tipple
- Twentieth-Century Suburbs: A Morphological Approach / J.W.R. Whitehead

Upcoming Events & Conferences



- International Conference on Sustainable Development, 22-25 June 2010, *Sudbury, Ontario, Canada*
- ICURPT 2010 : International Conference on Urban, Regional Planning and Transportation, 28-30 June, 2010, *Paris, France*
- Healthy Cities Conference, 12-13 July 2010, *Brisbane, Australia*
- Planning Africa 2010 : Beyond Crisis – Opportunities and Actions, 13-15 September, 2010, *Durban, South Africa*, Organized by South African Planning Institute (SAPI)

Did you know @ UJ



- The University of Johannesburg is one of the largest residential universities in South Africa having more than 90 departments, offering multidisciplinary vocational and professional programmes.
- The University of Johannesburg is one of the three universities in South Africa offering the National Diploma in Town and Regional Planning.

The department welcomes suggestions from its members for naming the newsletter. Suggestions may be forwarded to the department.

For further information, comments, suggestions and subscribing to e-Newsletter, please contact the department or send an email at : trp@uj.ac.za

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