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'The Historic City, a Reference Model for Urban Sustainable Development Policies'

CALL FOR PAPERS

Governments and municipalities all over the world are now working at designing sustainable development policies. Of course, ecology is a major concern to all especially in these times when most of their attention is urgently focused on the impact of human activity on our climate as well as on the survival of our natural ecosystems.

But the city is much more than a mere built environment in the middle of an ecological landscape. It is an ecosystem in itself which exists through the interaction between the social, economical, cultural and political forces that are directed by its inhabitants. The durability of this urban ecosystem is thus intimately linked to the capacity of its inhabitants, especially of those who govern its future, to coordinate their actions on a daily basis in accordance with a long-term vision and in a way that will ensure a balance between these forces. Tradition, history, the cultural heritage are dynamic components of the development of the city which have proved durable in time and which should stand as references to planners and decision-makers when reflecting on the policies they need to adopt and implement to ensure the sustainable development of their city. How can these components serve as models to secure the continuity of the city at a time when development pressures appear to be as much ignorant as irresistible?

You are invited to reflect on the theme of our Symposium and to submit an abstract. You must refer to the general theme of the Symposium and develop, from your reflection, experience or personal interests, a maximum of three (3) issues that you see as fundamentally linked to it. Your presentation shall not exceed 15 minutes. An additional period of 5 minutes will be allocated to you so you can respond to a few questions and thus further develop some specific aspects of your presentation.

Abstracts must not exceed 250 words (including title) and must be sent by January 31st at the latest to Michel Bonnette, Programme Coordinator, at MichelBonnette@videotron.ca .

All abstracts will be forwarded to the editing team of 'City & Time' who wishes to publish the best papers that will come out of our Symposium. The selection of papers by the editing team will be distinct from that of the programme committee. In other words, it will not be necessary to be chosen as a speaker for the Symposium to be published in 'City & Time'. To learn more about this online journal, visit <http://www.ct.ceci-br.org/novo/revista/> .
