



**TIMES OF SCARCITY**  
**RECLAIMING THE**  
**POSSIBILITY OF MAKING**

**21-30 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT  
(SABE) AND SCARCITY AND CREATIVITY IN THE BUILT  
ENVIRONMENT (SCIBE)  
UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER, LONDON, UK**



## **EUSS**

In 2010, the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) launched a new annual event: the European Urban Summer School (EUSS) for young professionals. AESOP wanted to bring together young professionals and both experienced academics and practitioners from across Europe to discuss planning issues. AESOP decided to invite European partners from other planning organizations to cooperate in this project. We all expected that it would facilitate trans-European understanding of planning matters and, as a consequence, help to improve the quality of life. We wished to involve both EU and non-EU countries into the project.

In 2012, the following organisations have joined the EUSS: European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP-CEU), International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP), International Society for City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP). The event is one of the first projects within the framework of Decade of Planning 2011-2020 (more about Decade of Planning: <http://www.aesop-planning.eu>).

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## **THE TOPIC:**

### **TIMES OF SCARCITY – RECLAIMING THE CITY**

The EUSS is an invitation – a call to arms – to engage in the quest for and development of new ways of thinking about and new tools in response to emerging issues of scarcity – a condition defined by the insufficiency of cultural, social, demographic and/or economic resources – in the context of the built environment. Scarcity is about more than simple resource depletion: it is embedded in political, social and ecological systems. How and by whom is scarcity generated, engineered, constructed or perceived? What are we, as planners and designers, to do under conditions of scarcity in the built environment? The EUSS is an invitation to reclaim the possibility of making the city in our times of scarcity.

London will host the Summer Olympic Games 2012. In September 2012, the city – its population and infrastructure – will be recovering from the event and beginning to cope with its legacy. Participants in the EUSS will work and test their ideas on the case of a 'deprived' East London ward surrounded by highways and railway lines and located in-between central London, the Canary Wharf Estate and the Olympic site: Bromley-by-Bow. This is a contested urban territory typical of London, with many aspects of social inequality manifested spatially and socially. Spectacular event architecture, hastily refurbished façades in anticipation of international visitors and the everyday reality of historically neglected East London all offer the context for EUSS explorations: a charged territory awaiting the engagement of young planning and design professionals and their proposals for intelligent, creative interventions.

## **FORMAT**

Based on existing research into the experience, perception and modes of scarcity in the study area, the SCIBE team will provide EUSS tutors and participants with an in-depth briefing document identifying economic, cultural, social and environmental assets and shortcomings.

Facilities for lectures and workshops, working space and internet access for up to 60 participants will be provided at the University of Westminster's recently refurbished Marylebone Campus. In order to facilitate communication with the local community in the study area (Bromley-by-Bow), workshops and events will also take place in the Kingsley Hall community centre during weekends.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS: TUTORS**

Experienced professionals and academics can apply to teach and tutor at the 3rd European Urban Summer School. The organisers will cover the costs of travel and accommodation. Prospective tutors can apply by submitting a CV and a short outline of a lecture or workshop around planning, design or research that they could offer at the EUSS via email to [scarcetimesteuss@gmail.com](mailto:scarcetimesteuss@gmail.com). The electronic application process will close on 31 May 2012. Selected tutors will be notified by 5th August 2012.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS: PARTICIPANTS**

Prospective participants – young planners – can apply to the 3rd European Urban Summer School by submitting their response to the following task: Identify one instance of 'scarcity' in the context of the built environment and propose a physical or process-related solution.

Issues and responses may be presented as text, drawings, photographs, videos or in any other desired form. The electronic application process (via email to [scarcetimesteuss@gmail.com](mailto:scarcetimesteuss@gmail.com)) will close on 24 June 2012. The selected participants will be notified by 30 June 2012.

The participation fee of 200 GBP payable upon registration, will cover teaching and teaching materials (not travel or accommodation).

A "Young Planner" is any person involved in planning having less than 5 years of professional experience.

## **INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS 2012**

The Directorate responsible for planning at the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment is encouraging young planning professionals to provide new ideas on the forms, methods and possibilities in spatial planning needed to face present-day challenges facing our human settlements. It is using the EUSS as a platform to organise an International Award for Young Planning Professionals, giving them the opportunity to present projects they are working on, explaining why these projects can be considered innovative and of a broader, more general application. The theme in 2012 will be 'Adapting Cities to Scarcity: New Ideas for Action'. The best entries will earn free participation to the EUSS and some additional prize money.

## **TIMESCALE**

**1 APRIL 2012** ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESS LAUNCH;  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**24 JUNE 2012** APPLICATION DEADLINE

**30 JUNE 2012** NOTIFICATION OF SELECTED TUTORS AND PARTICIPANTS

**31 JULY 2012** FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE

(INCL. PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE)

**21-30 SEPTEMBER 2012** 3RD EUROPEAN URBAN SUMMER SCHOOL

## **EUSS 2012 JOINT COMMITTEE:**

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