



Call for Paper

The COST Action TU1201 Urban Allotment Gardens in European Cities and the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW) invite participants to **GROWING IN CITIES: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Urban Gardening** International Conference, 9 - 10 September 2016, in Basel, Switzerland.

The conference will be hosted by the FHNW School of Social Work (Institute for Social Planning and Urban Development (ISS)) in partnership with ILS - Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development, Germany.

We expect two days of scientific discussions and exchange of innovative ideas presented by internationally renowned keynote speakers and contributors from diverse disciplines, in the plenary and parallel sessions, discussion round-tables, and poster presentations. The conference also marks the conclusion of the 4-year **EU COST Action Urban Allotment Gardens in European Cities** (pre-conference for Action members on 8 September). For further information please check: <http://www.urbanallotments.eu/final-conference.html>

Conference Venue

Appropriately fitting with the conference theme, the green city of Basel is chosen for this international event. Basel, situated in the north of Switzerland on the river Rhine, is recognized for its diverse and extensive network of parks, green spaces, and new and traditional pocket gardens, which provide an impeccable setting for discussing the contemporary outlook and future urban gardening trends and challenges.

Conference Theme

The conference aims to explore the dynamics of existing and emerging forms of urban gardening in Europe and beyond. This is timely in the wake of the contemporary and projected social, economic and environmental changes and challenges faced by cities. Urban gardens, particularly traditional allotments, have been part of the city; however, with the emergence of community and modern pop-up to rooftop gardens, they are becoming permanent and prominent part of the urban and suburban landscape.

Creating healthy and inclusive cities, which are environmentally sustainable and economically affordable in an ever more urbanizing world, are vital challenges for scientists, policy-makers, and citizens alike. This, along with a global commitment to the implementation of the 'New Urban Agenda,' focusing on policies and strategies that can result in effectively harnessing the power and forces behind urbanisation, will help urban gardens enter into a new era.

Urban gardens create growing places for people, but also act as catalyst in building viable and equitable communities, enhance quality of life, and help create safe and prosperous neighborhoods. The conference aims to further critical dialogue and advance knowledge on the subject.

Conference sub-themes

We encourage submission of proposals of research, theory, policy and innovative practices related to urban growing that touch fields such as landscape, architecture, urban planning, ecology, social sciences, sociology, environmental health, human geography, food sciences, and other allied disciplines. The focus on different forms of urban gardens and urban gardening should fit within the following themes:

I Planning and Design

1. City planning and design
2. Urban management and governance
3. Zoning and regulations

II Economy and Infrastructure

4. Political economy, land use and urban infrastructure
5. Environmental sustainability and resilience

III Quality of Life

6. Biodiversity and eco-systems
7. Liveable cities
8. Gardening motivations and behaviour
9. Health and well-being
10. Visualising urban gardens

IV Equity and spatial justice

11. Neighbourhoods, social integration, and crime reduction
12. Inequality and social justice
13. Food security

V Community Action

14. Edible cities and productive landscapes
15. Bottom-up initiatives and social innovations
16. Urban gardens, art and culture

Presentation Types

The official language of the conference is English. The Scientific Committee invites submission of works for consideration to one of the three formats:

Full Papers

The traditional conference papers will be presented in 15 minutes plus questions period in parallel sessions. The paper itself, 3,000 words maximum plus illustrations, will present results of new research not yet published. It should spell out the research question, the context and theory of the problem, the methodology used, the main results and broad conclusions supported by up to five key references. The papers can optionally be published on the conference website and in the conference proceedings with an assigned ISBN. During the conference, we expect a Power Point or similar presentations. Please submit one abstract to a single session only.

Innovative Initiatives

A presentation panel is dedicated to innovative and novel urban garden initiatives, including case studies, or hands-on examples that showcase the initiation, implementation methods, design, impact, sustainable use or other aspects of novel urban gardening practices and projects. The innovative initiative reports will be presented in parallel sessions and will be allowed 15 minutes plus questions. The report itself will be 3,000 words maximum plus illustrations describing a case or an implementation method that is innovative and not widely known. They can optionally be published on the conference website and in the conference proceedings with an assigned ISBN. During the conference, we expect a Power Point or similar presentation.

Posters

A poster session offers junior researchers or a project in early stages of development an excellent opportunity to get feedback and constructive comments from specialists in their field. At a poster session, each poster will be briefly presented and will be followed by an open discussion session. Posters will be displayed for viewing during the conference and remain available for commentaries much longer than the oral presentations. Posters should be A0 size in portrait or landscape format. A reduced format of the posters will be included in the conference proceedings.

Thematic Sessions

The Scientific Committee also welcomes proposals for thematic sessions. Thematic sessions on highly specialized topics will be held during the conference as a set of oral presentations (maximum 4 papers). The aim of the thematic sessions is to have a focused discussion on some particular international research and innovative projects. Prospective proposals should explain the topic's novelty, importance and relevance to the conference theme, as well as listing the participating authors and their contributions. Thematic session proposers will be the chairs of the session. The full paper presentation submission rules also apply to the thematic session contributions. Thematic session proposals must be emailed to runrid.fox-kaemper@ils-research.de.

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Submission of abstracts for all presentation types should relate to the overarching conference theme. The abstract should clearly communicate the objective of the work to be presented in relation to the presentation type, the results and their significance. Innovative work is a prerequisite for acceptance. Authors should indicate if they intend to present a full paper, an innovative initiative report or a poster.

Abstracts must be submitted in the OpenConf online system via the link: <http://openconf.urbanallotments.eu/openconf.php>. Go to the "make submission" page and enter the information as follows:

Submission Title: Enter the title as requested, keeping it to a maximum of 12 words.

Author(s) Information: Fill in the requested information for as many authors as necessary. Identify who is contact author in the next box.

Topic Areas: If you have been invited to submit an abstract by someone proposing to organise a thematic session, please check the button "For a thematic session" and add the title of the thematic session in your abstract. If not, then choose the topic areas most applicable to your submission.

Keywords: Up to five keywords are permitted. Words from the title of the article should not be included. Each keyword should be useful as a point of entry for a literature search. Separate them by a ";"

Main text of abstract: The abstract should be no longer than 300 words. It should provide a clear and concise summary of what will be in the paper, including the main elements as described for the different paper types.

References: The abstract should include no more than five major literature references. The Harvard system of referencing should be used (see below).

Journal article

Greco, A.J. and Swayne, L.D., 1992. Sales response of elderly customers to point-of-purchase advertising. *Journal of Advertising Research*, 32 (5), 43-63.

Article within a book

Wright, P., 1986. Reactions to an Ads contents versus judgements of Ads impact. In: J. Olsen and K. Sentis, eds. *Advertising and consumer psychology*. Vol. 3. New York: Praeger, 1986, 108-117.

Conference paper

Silver, K., 1989. Electronic mail: the new way to communicate. In: D.I. Raitt, ed. *9th international online information meeting, London 3-5 December 1988*. Oxford: Learned Information, 323-330.

Further information and guidelines please visit: <http://www.urbanallotments.eu/final-conference.html>

Important Dates

Date	Event
30/12 2015	Deadline for applying to chair a thematic session
31/01 2016	Deadline for submission of abstracts and proposals of any kind
29/02 2016	Notification of acceptance
31/05 2016	Deadline for submission of draft of papers

30/06 2016	Notification of reviewers' comments
31/07 2016	Deadline for submission of full papers
08/09 2016	Pre-conference COST Action TU1021 meeting
08/09 2016	Pre-conference Field trip for all
09 -10/09 2016	Growing In Cities: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Urban Gardening Conference, Basel, Switzerland.

Registration: Please register using the event registration tool provided on the website of COST Action "Urban Allotment Gardens in European Cities" <http://www.urbanallotments.eu/final-conference.html>

Conference Fees (including tea/coffee breaks, lunches, and conference dinner on 09/09, electronic version of the proceedings):

Early Bird: 150 CHF until 29/4/2016
Full Price: 200 CHF after 30/4/2016
Students¹: 100 CHF (limited contingent)

For refund policy, please visit <http://www.urbanallotments.eu/final-conference.html>

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Basel!

¹ Students are BSc, MSc and Diploma students. Please provide a proof of your full-time student status.