

**2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on “*Changing Cities II: spatial, design, landscape & socio-economic dimensions*”  
Porto Heli, Peloponnese – Greece, 22-26 June, 2015.”**

**Dear Colleagues,**

The 1<sup>st</sup> conference on ‘Changing Cities’, Skiathos Island, 18-22 June 2013, has been a fruitful academic event; it attracted 320 university teachers and researchers from 39 countries around the world. This achievement has significantly been based on your contribution. Given the positive results of the 1st conference, we believe that the 2nd conference on Changing Cities will also be a successful academic event.

Herewith we have the pleasure to invite you to the 2nd International Conference on **“*Changing Cities II: spatial, design, landscape & socio-economic dimensions*”**, which will take place in **Porto Heli, Peloponnese – Greece, 22-26 June, 2015**. The conference is organized by the Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly, under the aegis of the Greek Ministry of Environment, Energy & Climate Change.

The conference venue is at the Conference Centre of AKS Porto Heli Hotel. The area of Peloponnese, and especially Porto Heli village, is a famous resort neighbouring to Spetses and Hydra islands, and endowed with imperative cultural heritage which includes the prehistoric archaeological sites of the city of Mycenae, the Palace of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra, and the well-preserved ancient theatre of Epidaurus. Among the conference activities, there will be a mobile workshop at the site of Mycenae and the ancient theatre of Epidaurus, and a post conference one-day cruise to Spetses and Hydra islands.

The main conference theme is:

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**“Planning and Designing resilient cities under economic and environmental uncertainty”**

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**The conference thematic sessions include:**

- Urban Design in Planning,
- Architectural Design & New Technologies,
- Sustainable Urban Planning & Development,
- Urban Cultures & Public Open Spaces,
- Urban Landscapes, Landscape Planning & Design,
- Historical Centers & Built Heritage Management,
- Transportation Planning and Policy in cities,
- Urban Planning Laws, Real Estate & Property Rights,
- Environmental Urban Planning,
- Green Architecture & Urban Design,

- Urban Economic Development,
- Place Marketing & City Branding,
- Smart cities
- Shrinking cities,
- Divided cities,
- Migration, multinational and multicultural societies & Urban Planning.

## **Conference Orientation**

This conference aspires to bring together architects, urban designers, landscape designers, urban planners, urban geographers, urban economists, urban sociologists and demographers, to question new challenges and to become a forum of transaction of ideas on changing cities.

The submitted manuscripts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and the authors will be notified on time of the outcome of the evaluation. The manuscripts that will be selected as oral or poster presentations will be published in hard copy at the conference book of abstracts. Full papers will be published in book format e-proceedings with a separate ISBN number. Details for the full paper preparation will be given to authors after notification of paper acceptance.

All academic researchers, professionals and policy makers interested in the area of the conference are invited to present papers related to the conference topics. Indicate your preference for an oral or poster presentation. Authors are requested to submit abstracts by e-mail as a Word file attachment to the Conference Secretariat, by **10th of January 2015**.

## **Important Dates & Deadlines:**

**Abstract submission : 10th of January 2015**

**Full Paper submission (Optional): 16th of March 2015**

**More information for the Conference can be found on the webpage:**

<http://changingcities.prd.uth.gr/>

## **Communication:**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **the Conference Secretariat:**

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**On behalf of the Organizing Committee**  
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