

AESOP Young Academics Network

A creative and open-minded AESOP Working-Group of young researchers, academics and students from all over the world, developing and disseminating their ideas and research results, supported by AESOP.



The AESOP Young Academics Network [YAN] aims to help young academics to progress through their early stages of academic life and establish themselves as planning researchers. The YAN operates through organising a series of activities, like the YA annual Conference (St. Petersburg, 2007; Vienna, 2008; Prague, 2009), social events for young academics at a number of AESOP events (Ph.D. Workshop, AESOP Congresses) and arranging Special Sessions, like Roundtables at the annual AESOP Congress, which aim to help their membership in addressing the barriers that they face in establishing themselves.

Further information is available via the AESOP YA website <http://www.aesop-youngacademics.net>

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS at the 2009 AESOP Congress in Liverpool

AESOP – TPR JOINT AWARD CEREMONY

Date: Thursday, July 16, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Venue/Room: Law Moot Room



Chair:

Beatrix **HASELSBERGER** [YA Network; Vienna University of Technology, Austria]

Co-Chair:

Yue **TANG** [YA Network; University of Nottingham, Great Britain]

Opening Speakers:

Beatrix **HASELSBERGER** [YA Network; Vienna University of Technology, Austria]

Willem **SALET** [AESOP President; University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands]

David **MASSEY** [Editor TPR, University of Liverpool, Great Britain]

Panel Speakers – The 2009 Award/Bursary Winners:

Diane **HOPKINS** [University of the West of England, Great Britain]

Nezar **KAFAY** [Cardiff University, Wales]

Filip **MOTERSKI** [University of Lodz, Poland]

Frank **OTHENGRAFEN** [HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany]

Orna **ROSENFELD** [University of Westminster, Great Britain]

Ming-Jung **WU** [University of Newcastle, Great Britain]

The joint award ceremony seeks to highlight excellent young planning scholars, who in 2009 were awarded prizes jointly by AESOP and the Town Planning Review journal. After an introduction of the different prizes awarded, the 2009 award/bursary winners will give the audience an insight into their research findings and ideas upon which their award citations were based. This will be followed by an open inter-generational dialogue/discussion between younger and more established planning academics with regards to the added value of such prizes, as well as the role of young planning scholars within the discipline of planning.

AESOP YOUNG ACADEMICS DRINKS RECEPTION

Topic: An Evening of Culture in the City of Culture

Date: Thursday, July 16, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Hannah's Bar, Leece Street

The idea behind the drinks reception is to offer a place for all participating young planning scholars from the conference to come together in an informal and convivial atmosphere, and provide an opportunity for them to relax with their peers as they progress into the larger family of academic planning. **Sandwiches and free drinks to be provided!** Following the informal chat over drinks and nibbles the world famous Affordable House Band, featuring staff and students from the University of Liverpool's Civic Design Department, will be playing all your favourite tunes from 9pm onwards! Putting their local knowledge to good effect, the members from the University of Liverpool's Civic Design Department identified a highly convivial hostelry for this event, Hannah's Bar.

Hannah's Bar is located next to St. Lukes Church (the bombed out Church) on Leece Street

- 1) From the University head towards the Philharmonic Pub on Hardman Street.
- 2) Head down Hardman Street towards the city centre and Hannah's Bar is on your left, overlooking the bombed out church.



AESOP YOUNG ACADEMICS ROUNDTABLE

Topic: Getting the most out of the 'Funding Winning Experience'

Date: Friday, July 17, 11:00am – 12:30am

Venue/Room: Law Moot Room

Chair:

Paul **BENNEWORTH** [YA Network, University of Newcastle, Great Britain]

Co-Chair:

Ceren **SEZER** [YA Network, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands]

Roundtable-Speakers:

Louis **ALBRECHTS** [K.U. Leuven, Belgium]

Simin **DAVOUDI** [University of Newcastle, Great Britain]

Angela **HULL** [Heriot Watt University, Great Britain]

Gert-Jan **HOSPERS** [University of Twente, The Netherlands]

Pedro **MARQUES** [University of Newcastle, Great Britain]

Simon **PEMBERTON** [University of Liverpool, Great Britain]

The 2009 'skills roundtable' organised by the AESOP Young Academics aims to assist newer academics to overcome their personal uncertainties and to encourage them to become more active in terms of winning funding. The focus of this roundtable is to allow newer academics to learn from the practical experiences and insights of more established academics in the field who have been successful in winning funding. This provides a means to consider different approaches to writing a good funding proposal, how to deal with rejections, and to highlight the practicalities of ensuring that newer academics become more confident in answering funding calls without losing sight of their main career direction. The accent on this event is to encourage an informal atmosphere and a lively inter-generational discussion.

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