

# The Vital City



**European Urban Research Association (EURA)**  
10th Anniversary Conference, University of Glasgow, Scotland

**12–14 September 2007**  
[www.eura2007.org.uk](http://www.eura2007.org.uk)



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## The Vital City 12–14 September 2007

This is a major conference on the theme of The Vital City being held under the auspices of the European Urban Research Association (EURA). EURA brings together an inter-disciplinary network of urban researchers from across Europe and beyond. It provides a forum for cross-national debate on urban policy and acts as a bridge between research and policy in this rapidly urbanising world. The conference will celebrate its 10th Anniversary and be an opportunity for urban researchers and policy makers to engage in lively debate and exchange knowledge and ideas about the challenges involved in achieving The Vital City in different European settings.

### Call for Papers

There is an emerging conventional wisdom about European cities which argues that they are vital to the future of our societies. They are engines of regional and national development in advanced economies dependant on innovation, human capital and connectivity. In an era of high mobility, cities can offer high quality environments and sustainable patterns of development. They can also provide social and cultural vitality in the context of increasing population diversity and fluidity. Indeed, many cities are currently undergoing revitalisation.

*Yet many questions remain for urban policy and research.* Is the new thinking consistent with the challenges of social inclusion? Are consumption-orientated urban strategies sustainable in economic and ecological terms? Are there losers as well as winners among cities in the more competitive environment? What are the roles of national governments and the EU in balancing territorial cohesion and globalisation? Can fuzzy concepts of cohesion, competitiveness and sustainability be sharpened and can the propositions linking these processes be validated empirically? What happens to neighbourhoods?

**Papers are invited which address these or related questions around the following themes:**

- **Resurgent European Cities**
- **Diversity, cohesion and the richness of cities**
- **Branding the distinctive city**
- **The urban environment and 'quality of place'**
- **Labour markets in the new Europe**
- **Neighbourhood dynamics and urban vitality**
- **Urban Governance**
- **Community activism and civic innovation**
- **Health and public policy**
- **Real estate development and city planning**
- **Housing organisation and finance**
- **Urban form, transport and sustainability**

The organisers particularly welcome innovative, forward-looking papers which could include theoretical contributions and think-pieces on how to secure urban vitality; evaluations of policy and practice in individual cities and countries; and reflections on the experience of cross-national policy transfer. Papers which explore relevant issues beyond the themes identified are also welcome.



## Keynote Speakers

- **Bea Campbell**, independent writer and commentator on cities and society.
- **Greg Clark**, a city and regional development advisor, currently Chair of the OECD Forum of Cities and Regions and Advisor to the UK Government and Greater London Authority.
- **Professor Sako Musterd**, Professor of Social Geography, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- **Professor Michael Storper**, Professor of Economic Geography, London School of Economics; Professor of Economic Sociology, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris; Professor of Regional and International Development, University of California, Los Angeles.

## Prizes and Special Issues

- The inaugural 'Young EURA' award for the best paper submitted to the conference by a scholar aged less than 30 at 12 Sept 2007.
- A Special Issue of the new journal *Urban Research and Practice. Journal of the European Urban Research Association* on the theme of The Vital City will draw on the best papers submitted to the conference.

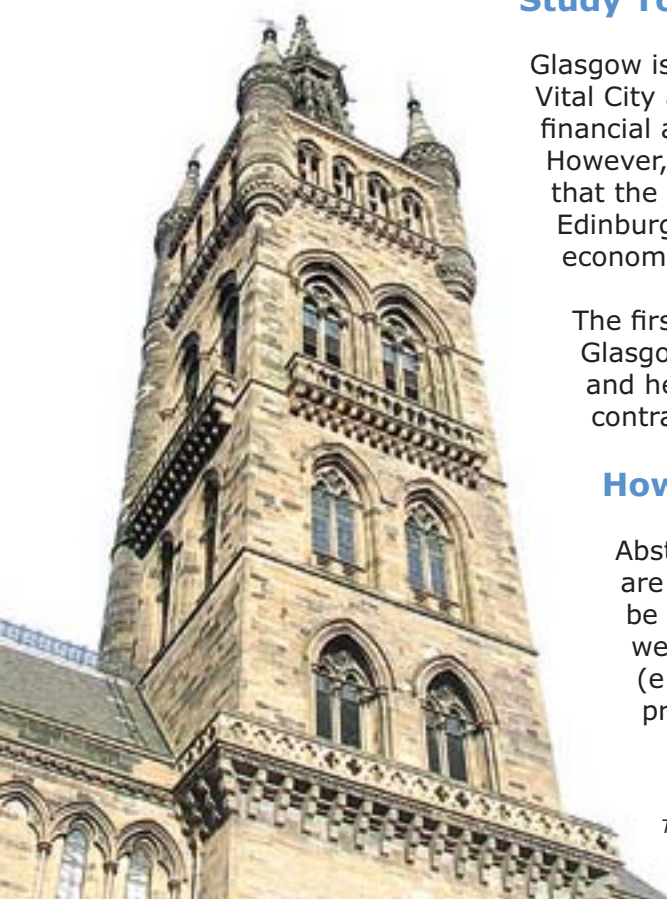
## Study Tours

Glasgow is engaged in a major resurgence and many aspects of The Vital City are on view here from waterfront development, growing financial and creative 'quarters' and large scale neighbourhood renewal. However, substantial social and economic challenges remain, meaning that the city is absorbed in a constant effort to revitalise itself. For Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, the challenge is rather to manage economic growth in an environmentally and socially sustainable way.

The first afternoon of the conference is devoted to study tours of Glasgow and Edinburgh, giving participants an opportunity to see and hear about the challenges of delivering The Vital City in these contrasting cities.

## How to submit an abstract

Abstracts of proposed papers of between 200 and 400 words are invited by **Friday 30 March 2007**. Abstracts should be completed on the template provided on the conference website and submitted by email to Elizabeth Nicholson (e.m.nicholson@lbss.gla.ac.uk). All abstracts will be refereed prior to acceptance.



## Conference Location

The conference will take place on the campus of the University of Glasgow. With its Gothic architecture, the University provides an impressive setting and is right in the heart of the city's vibrant West End. The remainder of the city's many attractions are readily accessible and Scotland's spectacular and unspoilt mountain and coastal scenery is within reach. September can be a good time to holiday in Scotland and the conference website has a number of useful links to tourist information sites for those interested in extending their stay.



## Conference Organisers

The conference has been organised by the Department of Urban Studies at the University of Glasgow, one of the UK's foremost and largest centres of research and teaching on urban issues. It is at the forefront of research in a number of areas, including: city competitiveness, neighbourhood regeneration, social justice and housing. It was awarded a 5 rating in the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise.

The conference organisers are grateful to Glasgow Housing Association Limited, Glasgow City Council and Communities Scotland for their support for this event.

## Important websites

[www.eura2007.org.uk](http://www.eura2007.org.uk)  
[www.gla.ac.uk/urbanstudies/](http://www.gla.ac.uk/urbanstudies/)





# Registration Booking Form

*This form may be photocopied for additional registrations*

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**'The Vital City'**  
University of Glasgow, Scotland  
**12-14 September 2007**

**Registration Booking Form**  
One booking form per delegate  
(and accompanying person if relevant)

**Please enter details in BLOCK CAPITALS:**



*Merchant City, Glasgow*



*Ashton Lane, Glasgow*



*West Campbell Street, Glasgow*



*Buchanan Street, Glasgow*

Title

First Name

Surname

Job Title

Organisation

Address

Town

Post Code

Country

Tel No

Fax No

Email

Special Dietary Requirements

Accompanied by (full name please)

Special Dietary Requirements

Please enter any other special requirements

### **Social Event – Ceilidh**

A ceilidh will be held on the first evening of the conference (12 September 2007). This is an informal social gathering where people dance to traditional Scottish music. Ceilidhs are great fun and have been very popular with delegates at previous conferences held at the University. A light buffet will be served during the interval.

# Registration Booking Form

**Ceilidh** (no extra charge)

**Delegate:**

I wish to attend the Ceilidh on  
Wednesday 12 September 2007: Yes  No

**Accompanying Person:**

I wish to attend the Ceilidh on  
Wednesday 12 September 2007: Yes  No

|                        | On or before<br>29 June 2007 |         | On or after<br>30 June 2007 |         |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
|                        | Enter fee<br>amount          | £       | Enter fee<br>amount         | £       |
| Non-Member<br>of EURA  |                              | £345.00 |                             | £395.00 |
| Member of<br>EURA      |                              | £295.00 |                             | £345.00 |
| Research<br>Student*   |                              | £170.00 |                             | £170.00 |
| Accompanying<br>Person |                              | £90.00  |                             | £90.00  |
| <b>Final Total</b>     |                              |         |                             |         |

\*with Supervisor's letter of authorisation

**Method of Payment**

Payment is to be in British Pounds Sterling and on receipt of invoice only. Please do not pre-pay by cheque. It is regretted that no credit card facilities are available.

Invoice to be sent to:

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| Address   | <input type="text"/> |
| Town      | <input type="text"/> |
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**Cancellations/Substitutions**

If a registered delegate has to cancel his/her booking at any time, then it is regretted that the conference fee cannot be refunded. **However, substitutions can be made at any time** by contacting Elizabeth Nicholson (*contact details below*) or even at the last minute on arrival at Registration. Cancellations for which no substitutions can be made must be paid in full. Non-arrivals must also pay in full.

**Hotel Accommodation Reservation**

Please see enclosed separate accommodation booking form.

**Please send completed Registration Booking Form to:**

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## Key Dates

### 30 March 2007

Deadline for submission of abstracts

### 27 April 2007

Date of notification of abstract acceptance

### 29 June 2007

Last date for 'early bird' booking

### 12 - 14 September 2007

Conference:

Study Tours

10th Anniversary Ceilidh

Mix of plenary and parallel workshop sessions



Princes Square, Glasgow