

Call for Papers

Comparative Perspectives on Post-industrialism and Urban Transformations

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Summary: This panel of the Fourth 4C5M Studio Conference focuses on different possibilities of post-industrial conditions of the contemporary city. Since the publication of Daniel Bell's *The Coming of Post-Industrial Society* in 1973, scholars have taken the post-industrial thesis to embody a variety of meanings. Forty years after Bell's classic formulation, we invite students of the city to rethink the relevance of the post-industrial thesis for today's urban areas. We ask: what are the post-industrial conditions of contemporary cities?

Specifically, we invite conversations to compare and contrast the possibilities of post-industrialism in the city. We encourage exchanges of ideas and evidence that directly engage the current literatures in the broad field of urban studies, including arguments about the global city and informational transactions (Saskia Sassen, Manuel Castells), resilient urban infrastructure and disaster management (Ulrich Beck, Jon Coaffee), sustainable urban development policies and practices (Arthur Mol), innovation and the creative class (Richard Florida), as well as cultural revitalization of the city (Allen Scott, Sharon Zukin).

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following.

- Service sectors, information, and the global city;
- Resilient urban infrastructure and the smart city;
- Sustainability, urban redesign, and the eco-city;
- Innovation, human resources, and the creative city;
- Historical districts, revitalization, and the cultural economy of cities.

We invite submission of papers that interrogates different faces of the post-industrial city. We particularly welcome papers that views urban transformations through a comparative lens. Comparisons may be drawn between cities, different historical periods of a city, or different segments within a city.

Please email paper abstracts of no more than 250 words, as well as author name(s) and institutional affiliations to Hai Yu (haiyu@fudan.edu.cn) and Yifei Li (yifeili@ssc.wisc.edu) no later than March 31, 2013.