

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## CURRENT CHALLENGES FOR: PATTERNS, PATTERN LANGUAGE, AND SUSTAINABILITY

PUARL SYMPOSIUM 2009  
October 30 - November 1, 2009

### OUR GOALS

Patterns and A Pattern Language, originally developed by Alexander, Ishikawa, Silverstein and others at the Center for Environmental Structure (CES), can be simply defined as atoms of the environment that can be combined language-like in various ways for the creation of neighborhoods, buildings, streets, benches, walls, etc. Patterns and Pattern Languages have served as useful tools to design, plan, and build communities according to principles of sustainability and living architecture. Patterns have been instrumental in bridging the gap between the community and the professional world and the technical and the artistic world.

At this PUARL Symposium, we will focus on the general theme of Morphology, Typology, and Sustainability, and in particular we will explore the theme 'Patterns, Pattern Language, and Sustainability.' It is the development over time, current uses, and future perspectives of patterns and pattern languages that will be highlighted here.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

#### Friday, October 30

*Origins of Patterns & A Pattern Language*

Evening: Reception & Keynote  
Lecture (tba) & Roundtable  
Discussion

#### Saturday, October 31

*Case Studies & Current Challenges  
for Pattern Languages*

Morning: Keynote Lecture (tba)  
Sessions on Pattern Development  
Lunch: Keynote Lecture (tba)  
Sessions on Pattern Development  
and Sustainability  
Evening: Keynote Lecture (tba)

#### Sunday, November 1

*Future Horizons for Patterns  
& Pattern Languages*

Sessions on Challenges for  
Pattern Language  
Noon: Final Forum

**COST:** We ask the participants for a fee of \$100 for symposium organization, for the reception and coffee and snacks. A symposium publication will be produced after the symposium at a separate cost. Please make checks payable to the University of Oregon Foundation and include in the memo line the title of the event, "2009 PUARL Symposium". Checks should be mailed to:

Kirsten Poulsen House  
School of Architecture and Allied Arts  
University of Oregon, Portland  
70 NW Couch Street  
Portland, Oregon 97209

The symposium will be organized with a balanced mix of invited lectures and open papers. The call for papers for this symposium asks for paper proposals that fall under the following broad categories:

- 1) Papers that probe the historical, sociological, and theoretical origins of patterns and pattern languages and their applications.
- 2) Papers that demonstrate exceptional application of patterns in design, building, and planning projects (i.e. The Oregon Experiment), papers that focus on the theoretical and practical expansion of patterns and pattern languages (i.e. sustainability and green design), or challenges and criticism of patterns or pattern language application.
- 3) Papers that explore future horizons of pattern language application and theory at all scales (i.e. regional or urban planning, new construction typologies, hybrid or integrated design).

We ask for an abstract of 250 words to be sent electronically to the email address below (K. Poulsen) no later than September 10, 2009.

There will be space for all contributions in the symposium. We are also asking for exhibit of exceptional projects during the symposium.

The Symposium is organized by PUARL in cooperation with CES, BPA and ESRG.

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