



NHR2010 COLLOQUIUM

2-3 July, Istanbul - TURKEY

Dear Friends,

We are happy to invite you to take part in the New Housing Researchers' (NHR) Colloquium on 2-3 July, 2010 in connection with the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) conference (www.enhr2010.com) on the 4-7 July, 2010 in Istanbul, which is one of the largest cities and the only metropolis in the world that is situated on two continents.

The New Housing Researchers' (NHR) Colloquium offers an opportunity for Ph.D. students and other beginning researchers to present and discuss their work-in-progress on any housing related topic. The organisation committee encourages new researchers to participate in the colloquium where senior researchers will act as discussants and commentators on the students' papers. We expect the participants will represent a wide variety of academic disciplines in which sociology, economics, human geography, political science, psychology, social work, history, urban planning, architecture, and others are included.

The core of the colloquium will be four workshops. The colloquium will include a welcome dinner, a plenary session and a study tour to a site of housing areas.

We hope that you will enjoy your participation in the NHRC. We are looking forward to a highly fruitful three days-long event in a never sleeping city, that is more than four thousand years old and also, was chosen as European Capital of Culture for 2010.

Best regards and heartily welcome!

NHR2010 ORGANISING TEAM

Preliminary timetable

	2 July, 2010	3 July, 2010
09.00	Registration and Welcome	WORKSHOPS Session 4
09.30		
10.00		
10.30		Coffee Break
11.00		PLENARY & CLOSING SESSION
11.30		
12.00		
12.30	Lunch	Lunch
13.00		
13.30		
14.00	WORKSHOPS Session 1	STUDY TOUR
14.30		
15.00		
15.30	Coffee Break	
16.00		
16.30	WORKSHOPS Session 2	
17.00		
17.30	Coffee Break	
18.00		
18.30	WORKSHOPS Session 3	
19.00		
19.30		
20.00	DINNER	
20.30		
21.00		
21.30		
22.00		

STUDY TOUR

On 3rd July 2010, from 14:00-16:30, a tour will be organised in connection with the programme to experience a housing area in Istanbul Anatolian part. The details will be determined later. Tour will be included in the registration fee. Transportation will be arranged by the host and will carry delegates to the tour area.

NHR Workshops

W01_Housing and Social Theories
W02_Housing and Spatial Studies
W03_Housing Finance and Housing Economics
W04_Urban and Housing Policies

Important dates

Registration Begins	30 October 2010
Deadline for Submission of Abstracts	5 January 2010
Notification and Acceptance of Abstracts	January 2010
Early Bird	5 February 2010
Link closes	10 June 2010
Deadline for Submission of Papers	31 May 2010

The registration fee

The registration fee will cover conference itineraries (conference bag), welcome Reception, lunches and beverage service (tea and coffee), welcome dinner and a study tour.

Paid before 05 February 2010	Paid after 05 February 2010
150 Euro	180 Euro

Host

ITU Faculty of Architecture

Architectural education at ITU, with its long history of both innovative and conventional values, makes provocative and relevant contributions to contemporary architectural production in Turkey. Education of architect is based on both general issues and specialized knowledge in order to learn how to challenge the difficulties facing the profession, which is promoted by technologies of production from computer science to social and cultural issues.

Venue

Istanbul is considered to be a good venue for a housing conference since the physical reflections of its urban dynamics is observed in many ways such as its historic housing stock, gated communities, squatter settlements (gecekonduklar), satellite towns, skyscrapers, urban transformation and gentrification areas.

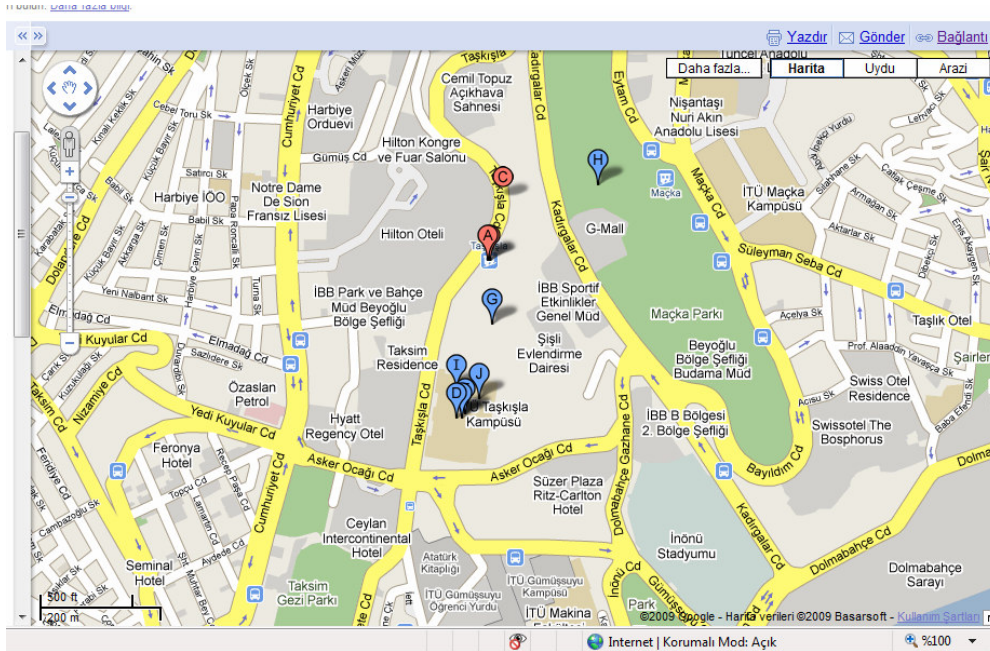
Taşkışla building

The conference venue is Taskisla. It is the home of ITU's Faculty of Architecture, which hosts five departments. These are Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning, Industrial Product Design, Landscape Architecture and Interior Architecture.

Taskisla is one of the most renowned historical buildings in Istanbul and its location in the cultural hub of Istanbul makes it an exciting place both for students and for visitors attending academic events.

The plan of Taskisla is classical: four equal sides marked with four corner edifices (higher than the sides) and a vast courtyard. The west façade is crowned with a monumental entrance. As seen in the ground floor plan, there are two conference halls: number 109 has a 250-person capacity and number 127 has a 180-person capacity.

All workshop sessions will be organised in Taskisla. Registration Desk will also serve in Taskisla during the colloquium.



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Accommodation

The participants for NHR 2010 Istanbul have the opportunity to use ITU dormitories.

Organisation Team

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Conference Web Site

<http://www.nhr2010.com>

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Practical information

Visas and Travel Documentation

Regulations governing international travel vary substantially across the globe; therefore, it is recommended that you contact governmental ministries and departments overseeing travel from your country and the Turkish Consulate to obtain current information and documentation required to travel to Turkey. It is suggested that this should be done well in advance as a part of your planning to attend the colloquium. The basic legal procedures to be followed to travel to Turkey as a tourist are simple. A valid passport is sufficient to enter Turkey from most countries (EU, USA, Canada, Australia, etc) whereas a VISA is required for citizens from other countries. For any further information, please contact your nearest Turkish Embassy or travel agent. List of countries requiring a visa, and application instructions are provided at "<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>".

Most visitor visas are obtainable for a fee on arrival at the airport. Please check with your travel agent whether you require an entry visa to Turkey.

Money, Taxes and Tipping

The national currency of Turkey is Turkish Lira (TL). There are no problems with credit cards in shops, restaurants, gas or petrol stations and hotels. ATM's (Automatic Teller Machines or cash dispensers) are very common. Exchange facilities are available at Ataturk Airport (in Istanbul). At almost all restaurants, service is included, but it is a common practice to leave a 5-10% tip. Cinemas and theatres will have staff to show your seat - here 50 cents is the norm. Tipping is not obligatory anywhere, but it is at least expected in bars or cafeterias. However, if you leave a small tip it shows your appreciation of the service - a good rule of thumb here is 10 to 15 % per round of drinks.

Banks and Currency Exchange

Istanbul banks are open Monday to Friday from 9:00- 12:30 and 13:30-17:30. Some banks that are located in touristic and business areas are open daily. The Turkish currency is Turkish Lira. There are banknotes in 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 Turkish Lira denominations in general circulation. There are also 1 Lira coins. Turk Lira consists of 100 Kurus. There are 5, 10, 25, and 50 Kurus coins. Sterling, Euros and Dollars can be easily changed into Turkish Lira at all banks, post offices (PTT) and exchange offices. There is no problem bringing any amount of money in any form of currency to Turkey.

The majority of the banks has ATMs and there can be found freestanding ones at strategic points. They operate in the same way as those throughout the USA and Europe. There is an option on most to choose the language and in some cases to choose Turkish Lira, US Dollars or Euros.

Credit Cards

Most major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and stores but visitors are always advised to check with the vendor before a purchase is made. Cash machines with 24-hour access are available in many convenient locations.

Laptops and Internet

If you are bringing any electrical equipments to Turkey (e.g. laptop computers, travel irons, etc.) you should bear in mind the voltage and type of plug used here. Turkey uses the 220V voltage level and a frequency of 50Hz. Check that your electrical equipments will work with this voltage. You may also need a plug adapter. Turkey uses plugs with 2 round pins. Plug adapters are available at stores selling electrical goods. If you have your laptop with you, the chances are that you will want to be using a modem to connect to Internet. Turkey uses the RJ-11 telephone jack also used in USA, most of Europe and many other countries. A simple adapter should solve the problem if you are coming from a country which does not use this type of jack. Internet is now widespread in Turkey and there are tens of different Internet Service Providers (ISP's). Access is available via the basic switched telephone network, the

digital ISDN network, the high speed ADSL protocol and various satellite and television systems. For most travellers, the normal analogue telephone network is sufficient.

The Conference Venue provides wireless internet connection in common areas.

Transportation



Istanbul is very easy to reach by many daily convenient direct flight connections from the main European cities and by direct flights from throughout the world. Istanbul Atatürk Airport at Yesilköy is located twenty-five kilometres to the Taksim Square. The modern International Terminal is spacious and efficient with all the expected services including an Airport Hotel. An underground passage (15-minutes walk) connects the International Terminal with the older Domestic Terminal and also the Istanbul Metro. A taxi from the airport to the Taksim Square costs between 17€ to 20€. You pay extra 50% if you travel between 24:00 (midnight) and 06:00. The trip takes between 35 and 75 minutes depending on stream of traffic. Shuttle busses called "HAVAS" travel between Istanbul Atatürk Airport and Taksim Square every thirty minutes. The second airport, Sabiha Gökçen Airport at Kurtköy is located 40-45 minutes drive to the Taksim Square.

For more information about transportation please visit:

<http://www.istanbul-ulasim.com.tr>

Dining Out

Istanbul is a wonderful place for food no matter what your budget. From simple workers' eateries and sidewalk cafes to posh culinary palaces with liveried waiters, Turkish cuisine is good and the value-for-money unbeatable. The typical dish of Istanbul would consist of lamb, mutton, and veal, to which a variety of vegetables are added. Pilaf, all kinds of pastry, bulgur, haricot beans, rich olive oil, and vegetables are used as side dishes. Meatballs, shish kebab, and doner kebab are classic dishes. Because of its coastal location, fish is also popular although is usually cooked simply, such as grilled, or fried with olive oil and lemon juice. Istanbul is the commercial and cultural centre of Turkey; therefore, there are restaurants of many nationalities such as Korean, Russian, Italian, and Chinese. American-style fast-food outlets are becoming more popular but for a quick snack it is more appropriate to fill up at the plethora of tiny take aways with kebabs and snacks. It is easy to sample good quality regional cuisine in typical small restaurants, usually at low cost, especially in the commercial and business areas.

Shopping

Shopping is one of the great pleasures of a trip to Turkey and the rich variety of Turkish crafts makes it impossible to resist buying something. Alongside the most modern objects, traditional handicrafts from villages and provinces can be found. The most popular objects for the holidaymaker are, of course, carpets; but the various leather and suede goods, copper and bronze wares, silver, ceramics, handicrafts, embroidery; and the famous Turkish meerschaum and onyx are on many people's lists as well. Most of the shops are open from 9:00 through 19:00 Monday to Saturday. During the summer months, many establishments will stay open much later in the evening. Some of the supermarkets, shopping malls, department stores, newspapers and food shops are also open on Sundays.

Telephones

Pay phones are available at the Conference Venue as well as in the city. Phone cards are widely available in shops. The international dialling code for Turkey is 90 and the code for European Side of Istanbul city is 212, for Anatolian Side is 216. National calls: 0 + city code + telephone number, International calls: 00 + country code + city code + telephone number.

For information about Turkey please visit:

<http://www.kultur.gov.tr/EN/Default.aspx?17A16AE30572D313D4AF1EF75F7A79681D9DD78D03148A6E>

For more information about Istanbul please visit:

<http://www.istanbulcityguide.com/>

<http://www.timeout.com/travel/istanbul>

<http://english.istanbul.gov.tr/Default.aspx?pid=292>

<http://english.istanbul.com/?Vst=2>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/turkey/istanbul>