

FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS
(New Extended Deadline: October 16, 2006)

**PROGRESSIVE REGIONALISM:
Emergent Pathways in Global Planning**

Dear Colleagues,

We seek submissions for a symposium on Progressive Regionalism for the *Journal of Planning Education and Research* based on the issues raised in a series of Regional Planning Track panels at the 2005 Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference in Kansas City and the 2006 World Planning Schools Congress in Mexico City. The theme is: "Progressive Regionalism: Emergent Pathways in Global Planning." We invite all interested scholars, not only panelists from ACSP 2005 and WPSC2, to submit papers that develop this topic.

Progressive Regionalism considers the intersection of local and global forces that express themselves at the regional level. By "progressive" we mean an historically-based yet forward-looking, critical standpoint shared by people and organizations dedicated to eradicating root causes of poverty, social injustice/inequity, and environmental degradation. Included is a search for alternate forms of governance and ways to enrich civil society.

Planning seeks to improve long-term outcomes in substantive areas. Much research focuses on the bones of planning: physical planning, planning land use, economic development, infrastructure, and the built environment. Systems for transportation and resource management are key. People and their participation in planning are part of the progressive agenda. Public participation, community organizing, growth with authentic development, issues of population and migration and how gender and ethnicity condition the functioning of planning systems have joined community systems that academic planners consider.

In our quest for sustainable development, we search for new understandings that are nuanced, networked, systems-oriented, global, holistic, ecological, interactive and relational. While papers on any topic consistent with the above definition of Progressive Regionalism are welcome, we especially invite our colleagues to consider the following questions.

1. What role can research universities play in "progressive regionalism?" This raises a set of normative questions about the nature and structure of knowledge creation/integration/sharing and critical pedagogy in today's society (e.g., academic freedom, civically-engaged scholarship, and university-based knowledge-action collaboratives).
2. There are compelling arguments for rethinking space, infrastructure and metropolitan governance from new regionalist/new institutionalist perspectives

- (e.g., arguments highlighting city-regions as a units of analysis best suited for dealing with such challenges as jobs-housing balance, watershed management, transportation, etc). At the same time, there are serious obstacles to regional integration in a world shaped by increasingly uneven global flows of people, material, energy and knowledge What can regional planners and others concerned with promoting regional equity do in the face of such multiscalar challenges? What are the prospects for new regionalism/ new institutionalism; can these two newisms be interwoven from a progressive standpoint?
3. With respect to disparities in regional equity, is the modernist quest for "comprehensive regional planning" part of the solution or part of the problem?
 4. The Building Successful Regions network (funded by the MacArthur Foundation) is addressing a series of important questions that are also relevant to this symposium: What are the essential components of successful regional policy? Why do some metropolitan areas weather major changes better than others? What are the mechanisms that help successful regions adapt when faced with new challenges?
 5. The development of cyberinfrastructure (i.e., *infrastructure that constitutes a foundation for information and communications technologies*) may be as vital to the common good now as was the development of rail, roadway and energy grids during the industrial revolution. Taking into account the digital divide, what might a progressive regionalist approach to cyberinfrastructure development look like; what are the major challenges?
 6. How do people-centric community organizations and self-help associations shape participation in the task of defining the 'good society' so that community visions and plans do not originate among elites to be communicated to the many?
 7. What roles do informal associations and more formal nonprofit organizations play at the regional level? As global infrastructure reduces the barriers to movement and long-distance international migration continues to increase, who are we planning for? What is a local population? How might newcomers be integrated and join the polity?
 8. How should planners balance the role of the economy with equity and the environment? Does progressive regionalism offer an approach (in theory and practice) for promoting sustainable development?

JPER would like to continue the conversation begun at the ACSP 2005 Conference on the meaning of progressive regionalism. We hope this effort will build on the roundtable that Michael Hibbard and Keith Pezzoli organized on "The Progressive Imagination" and the series of Progressive Regionalism paper sessions sponsored by the Regional Planning Track and Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG). These considered regionalism in a longer term historical-comparative, global perspective and attempted to

clarify notions of "progressive" in both theory and practice. Keith has created a space on the GPEIG web site, plus a blog to facilitate communications. (See <http://www.gpeig.org/progressive/prog-splash.htm>)

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If you have an interest in preparing a manuscript for this special issue or have any questions related to the issue, please contact one of us.

Symposium manuscripts will be reviewed under the normal *JPER* review process. Submissions should be made via the electronic system available at <http://services.bepress.com/jper/>. The deadline for submission of manuscripts to *JPER* for consideration as part of this symposium is October 16, 2006.