

Dear ACS friends

As usual, here are some coming up opportunities to address ACS issues:

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What's the Matter: Materiality and Materialism at the Age of Computation Conference

4th to 6th September 2014
Barcelona, Spain

Website: <http://www.enhsa.net/WhatsTheMatter/>

Contact person: Maria Voyatzaki

How can materiality and materialism be rethought in the rich and multifaceted context of contemporary computational architecture, and in the systemic context of pervasive computer simulations. How can this context nourish integration and innovation.

Organized by: ENHSA European Network of Heads of Schools of Architecture, EAAE European Association for Architectural Education

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: deadline passed

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2014 ANFA Conference

September 18-20, 2014
Salk Institute for Biological Studies
La Jolla, CA

Website: <http://www.anfarch.org/2014-conference/>

MISSION OF THE CONFERENCE:

The ANFA Conference will explore, from a scientific basis, the range of human experiences with elements of architecture, through collaboration between architects and neuroscientists. The goal is to inspire ideas and new collaborations that will ignite change and unlock the potential of Neuroscience for Architecture.

INVITED PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

In addition to accepting presentations through the submission and review process described above, the ANFA Conference will offer presentations from the following renowned professionals:

- Tom Albright, PhD: ANFA president, Director of Salk's Center for the Neurobiology of Vision and leader in study of the neural bases of visual perception.
- Michael Arbib, PhD: Professor of Neuroscience and Computer Science, USC, and leader in computational and cognitive neuroscience.
- David van der Leer, Executive Director, Van Alen Institute, NYC, and expert on design's role in shaping the contemporary urban condition.
- Juhani Pallasmaa, Finnish architect and architectural theorist. Author of *The Eyes of the Skin: Architecture and the Senses*.
- Greg Lynn: Professor, UCLA, Head, Greg Lynn FORMS, and internationally recognized

- leader in the use of organic forms for architecture and design.
- Eduardo Macagno, PhD: ANFA past-president. Professor and Founding Dean, UCSD Division of Biology and leader in study of brain development.
 - Peter Salk, MD: President, Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation.
 - Terry Sejnowski, PhD: Director of Salk Computational Neurobiology Laboratory and leader in study of neuronal mechanisms of information processing.

Call for papers: deadline passed

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The Aesthetics of Politics and the Politics of Aesthetics in Contemporary Venezuela Conference

19th to 20th September 2014
Cambridge, United Kingdom

Website: <http://venezuela-research-network.net/>

Contact person: Penelope Plaza

This two-day conference aims to engender interdisciplinary discussion of the aesthetic manifestations that emerge with, against, or alongside the State apparatus in contemporary Venezuela.

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 30th June 2014

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International Symposium for Contemplative Studies

Conference organized by the Mind & Life Institute
October 30 - November 2, 2014
Boston, MA

Website: <http://www.iscs2014.org/>

Description: The Mind & Life Institute's International Symposium for Contemplative Studies brings together scientists, scholars, artists, and contemplatives to explore clinical science, philosophy, humanities, education, economics, the arts, and other domains. These distinct, though overlapping, fields of research and scholarship focus on advancing our understanding of the human mind and how training the mind through contemplative practices can lead to valuable insights that promote a reduction in suffering, enhanced health and cognitive/emotional functioning, and increased social harmony. It has become clear that a multidisciplinary integrative approach is critical for understanding the mind and its effects on health, ethical behavior, and society at large. The International Symposium seeks to encourage and help shape a cohesive interdisciplinary field of contemplative studies in which basic and applied science, scholarship, education, the arts, and contemplative traditions collaboratively develop an integrated way of knowing.

The 2014 International Symposium for Contemplative Studies will begin the evening of Thursday, October 30, 2014, and will conclude in the early afternoon of Sunday, November 2nd. The program will include keynote addresses by His Holiness the 14th **Dalai Lama**; Diana Chapman Walsh, president emerita of Wellesley College; Richard Davidson, director of the Center for Investigating Healthy Minds at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Amishi Jha,

director of contemplative neuroscience, the Mindfulness Research and Practice Initiative, at the University of Miami; David Germano, director of the Contemplative Sciences Center, University of Virginia; and Tania Singer, director of the department of social neuroscience at the Max Planck Institute. Master lectures by several distinguished scientists, scholars, artists, and contemplative teachers will also be presented. Individuals and groups will have the opportunity to submit proposals for individual paper, panel, or poster presentations, reflecting the most current contributions to the ever-growing field of contemplative studies. Also featured will be contemplative art performances and exhibits, as well as continuous contemplative practice opportunities. Evening activities will be designed to facilitate networking, ongoing collaborative relationships, and the establishment of new collaborations

Call for papers: deadline passed

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**ARTEM OCC 2015
Conference**

26th to 27th March 2015
NANCY, Lorraine Region, France

Website: <http://conference.icn-groupe.fr/ARTEMOCC2015/>

Contact person: Clarice Bertin

"Rethinking Paths on Creativity and Sustainability" ARTEM Organizational Creativity International Conference seeks to rethink paths on creativity to move organizations towards sustainability. Full paper submission deadline: October 31, 2014.

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 31st August 2014

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**American Canadian Conference for Academic Disciplines
Conference**

18th to 21st May 2015
Toronto, Canada

Website: <http://www.internationaljournal.org/toronto.html>

Contact person: Professor Joseph Bonnici, PhD, JD

Call for abstracts in various academic disciplines. 4-day conference at Ryerson University in the heart of Toronto. Free bus tours to Niagara Falls and other major Ontario locations. Publish in refereed journals and proceedings.

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 25th March 2015

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**Toward a Science of Consciousness 2015 (TSC 2015)
Conference**

9th to 13th June 2015

Helsinki, Finland

Website: <http://www.helsinki.fi/tsc2015>

Contact person: Päivi Seppälä

Toward a Science of Consciousness (TSC) is the largest and longest-running interdisciplinary conference emphasizing broad and rigorous approaches to the study of conscious awareness.

Organized by: University of Helsinki

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 30th November 2014

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**10th International Conference on the Arts in Society
Conference**

22nd to 24th July 2015

London, United Kingdom

Website: <http://artsinsociety.com/the-conference-2015>

Contact person: Conference Director

This interdisciplinary conference and its companion journal collection invite scholars to examine the role of the arts in society through arts theory, history, new media, political, social, and educational studies.

Organized by: The Arts in Society / Common Ground Publishing

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