Here is conference that may be of interest to some of our ACS members:

Call for Papers

Architectural Humanities Research Association Conference 2011

Queen's University Belfast
School of Planning, Architecture & Civil Engineering (SPACE)

PERIPHERIES

27-29 October 2011

Peripheries are increasingly considered in contemporary culture, research and practice. This shift in focus challenges the idea that the centre primarily influences the periphery, giving way to an understanding of reciprocal influences. These principles have permeated into a wide range of areas of study and practice, transforming the way we approach research and spatio-temporal relations.

The 2011 AHRA Queen's Belfast Peripheries conference will invite discussion via papers and short films on the multiple aspects periphery represents -- temporal, spatial, intellectual, technological, cultural, pedagogical and political – with, as a foundation for development, the following themes:

Peripheral practices

Practice-based research

Urban peripheries

Non-metropolitan contexts

Peripheral positions

From these themes might arise a series of questions:

How do notions of periphery and proximity impact on the construction of cultural memory?

Is globalization facilitating the inclusiveness of peripheries or denying their local value to favour the centre?

How does architecture respond to the challenges of temporal peripheries in varying historical, spatial and political contexts?

Does being on the edge heighten or transform architectural practice?

What infrastructure is required for peripheral positions to exist? How are peripheries networked to one another and to centres?

Can architecture support peripheral populations, and can these voices offer critique of architectural practice?

How does interdisciplinarity -- the communication between perceived peripheral disciplines -- affect architectural practice?

What are the shifting boundaries of alternative or peripheral currents of education, research and practice? Do architecture schools recognize the importance of peripheral subjects in their teaching?

Queen's University's School of Planning Architecture and Civil Engineering operates within a context of an increasingly non-metropolitan society, on an island of rural communities resistant to normative patterns of urbanisation. The culture, economies, politics and social networks in Ireland are often perceived as "on the edge of Europe"; it is a place of experimentation, translation and evolution.

Belfast is thus an ideal setting in which to pose questions of periphery: it is a city in simultaneous states of flux with multiple political and social reiterations and repositionings. In a city where extremism was once the norm, there is much to ask about how to moderate and manage the tensions and potentials that exist between the edge and the centre.

Timetable:

abstracts of papers (500 words) and digital video (5-8 minutes in length:)
15 February 2011
notification of acceptance: 15 April 2011
registration open: 1 June 2011
submission of summary paper based on abstract (1000-2000 words) or film:
1 August 2011

categories/sessions determined and session chairs chosen: 1 September 2011
chairs of sessions distribute expanded abstracts/films to co-session paper
presenters; all chairs and paper presenters asked to provide structured
feedback/reflection on session papers: 1 October 2011

Submissions and registration via conference website:
http://www.qub.ac.uk/peripheries2011

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