

## EURA 2008 Conference, Milan

### --- CALL FOR PAPERS ---

European cities are engaged in difficult and challenging processes of social, economical, institutional and territorial change. Contemporary cities can be considered as learning places under different points of view:

- as central nodes of a knowledge based economy, where concentration and exchange of information and innovation generated by people and firms produce new forms of economy, welfare and richness, but also new forms of poverty and exclusion;
- as social laboratories, places which expose continuously their citizens to the effects of social transformation: laboratories in which the notion of citizenship is questioned and people have to learn to deal with change and the multiplication of differences generated by a mobile, multicultural society;
- as settings for institutional and political innovation: where major transformations compel institutions to face with new emerging problems of contemporary society and to develop new learning skills and experience, new forms of governance, leadership, democracy, policies and politics.

The EURA 2008 Conference in Milan (October 9-11, 2008) will focus its attention on the exploration of these major challenges and will foster a lively debate among researchers in the field of urban studies, particularly pointing at interactions among forms of knowledge and forms of urban governance.

We invite interested parties to submit one (and only one) abstract of 200-400 words on the website <http://eura2008.polimi.it>

DEADLINE for the submission of abstracts: 29th February 2008

The EURA 2008 Conference Organization Committee:

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EURA brings together an inter-disciplinary network of urban researchers from across Europe and beyond. It provides a forum for cross-national debate on urban policy and acts as a bridge between research and policy in this rapidly urbanising world

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