

Keynote Speaker: Professor Dolores Hayden, Professor of Architecture and Urbanism and of American Studies, Yale University

Following the success of our 2011 Inaugural Symposium, our second meeting seeks to discuss the nature and representation of suburbs, suburban life and sprawl whether local, regional or global. Where are the margins of suburbia and do they represent order, disorder or nostalgia? How is sprawl defined – as organic social process or negative cultural impact? And how is it experienced by diverse communities and individuals? What are the aesthetics of order and sprawl? How do representations of suburban sprawl and disorder converge or diverge between the Global South and North – and within the Global North?

Panels on the themes of: Design and Influence in Cities / Suburbs; Social and Spatial Order / Disorder; Planning; Perceptions of Home / Defining the Suburbs; Segregation / Integration and the Suburbs; and The Suburbs in Fiction / Film / TV

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