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## Welcome Note...

Dear Readers,

Greetings from Tempe, AZ!

Much of this issue reports on what has been a strong focus of ours here at the IPO – the planning of our upcoming UGEC Conference! Herein you will find information about conference registration (now open!), as well as more details about plenary sessions and expected speakers. We also invite you to submit abstracts for two new proposed sessions, described in more detail below.

Also included are UGEC related events spanning throughout 2010 and into 2011 (e.g., the ICLEI conference this May and the Resilience 2011 conference). You will find new job announcements and UGEC publications, as well as a recap of our participation at the recent World Urban Forum in Rio. We are also already planning for our 4<sup>th</sup> issue of *UGEC Viewpoints* and have advertised a call for abstracts.

Finally, don't forget to update us on your activities and accomplishments! Please feel welcome to send us anything you would like to see included in these bimonthly eNewsletters.

Please enjoy the read!

- Corrie Griffith and Michail Fragkias, UGEC Project Office

## EVENTS

### Recent

[Chatham House International Conference: The Future of Cities](#)  
*London, UK*  
*February 08-09, 2010*



[World Urban Forum 5, The Right to the City – Bridging the Urban Divide](#)

*Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*  
*March 22-26, 2010*

[\(Click here for a brief recap of the Forum and the UGEC-hosted networking event\)](#)

### Forthcoming 2010

[6th European Sustainable Cities and Towns Conference](#)  
*Dunkerque, France*  
*May 19-21, 2010*

[ICLEI Resilient Cities 2010, 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress on Cities and Adaptation to Climate Change](#)  
*Bonn, Germany*  
*May 28-30, 2010*

[1<sup>st</sup> World Estuary Alliance Conference 2010: Better Estuary, Better City](#)  
*Shanghai, China*  
*June 6-8, 2010*

[Urban Environmental Pollution 2010 - Overcoming Obstacles to Sustainability and Quality of Life](#)  
*Boston, Massachusetts USA*  
*June 20 - 23, 2010*

[World Cities Summit: Livable and Sustainable Cities for the Future](#)  
*Singapore*  
*June 28-July 01, 2010*

[National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility \(NCCARF\) - 2010 International Climate Change Adaptation Conference](#)  
*Queensland, Australia*  
*June 29 - July 01, 2010*

[IOA - Institute for Asian and Oriental Studies: 21. European Conference on Modern South](#)

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THE UGEC  
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**Asian Studies (ECMSAS)**

*Bonn, Germany  
July 26-29, 2010*

**The International Society for Ecological Economics 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, "Advancing Sustainability in a Time of Crises"**

*Bremen/Oldenburg, Germany  
August 22-25, 2010*

**SEA-START/East-West Center/APN, "Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Urban Development Planning for Asian Coastal Cities"**

*Bangkok, Thailand  
August 23 - September 1, 2010*

**Storm Surges Congress 2010, "Risk and Management of Current and Future Storm Surges"**

*Hamburg, Germany  
September 13-17, 2010*

**International Conference on Urbanization and Global Environmental Change (UGEC), "Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainability in an Urbanizing World"**

*Tempe, Arizona USA  
October 15-17, 2010*

**Global Land Project (GLP) Open Science Meeting, "Land Systems, Global Change and Sustainability"**

*Tempe, Arizona USA  
October 17-19, 2010*

**PLUREL: Peri-urban Land Use Relationships – Strategies and Sustainability Assessment Tools for Urban – Rural Linkages**

*Copenhagen, Denmark  
October 19-22, 2010*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Xiamen International Forum on Urban Environment**

*Amoy, China  
December 11-13, 2010*

**First International Conference on Sustainable Urbanization**

*Harbour Plaza Hong Kong, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
December 15-17, 2010*

2011

**Resilience 2011, "Resilience, Innovation, and Sustainability: Navigating the Complexities of Global Change"**

*Tempe, Arizona USA  
March 11-16, 2011*

**Montréal 2011: Ecocity World Summit**

*Montréal, Quebec Canada  
August 22-26, 2011*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2010 UGEC Conference Update**

**International Conference on Urbanization and Global Environmental Change: *Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainability in an Urbanizing World***

**15-17, October 2010  
Arizona State University**

Only a few more days until the abstract submission period comes to a close for the International Conference on Urbanization and Global Environmental Change, "Opportunities and Challenges for



[PhD Programme in Science and Management of Climate Change](#), Università' Foscari in Venice (Unive)/Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change (CMCC) – Venice, Italy

[Postdoctoral Position](#), Lund University – Lund, Sweden

[Visiting Assistant Professor, Environmental Policy](#), Binghamton University - Binghamton, NY

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[Assistant Professor, Sustainable Development](#), Appalachian State University - Boone, NC

[Postdoctoral Research Opportunity - Climate Change, Adaptation, Natural Resource Management](#), University of Colorado – Boulder, Colorado

[Asia Intern Opportunities](#), Stockholm Environment Institute – Bangkok, Thailand

Sustainability in an Urbanizing World". **The extended abstract deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>**! We are accepting abstracts for poster and oral presentations, as well as session proposals.

[Click here to read more about our plenary sessions and invited speakers.](#)

Lastly, the registration section of our website is now up and running. Early bird conference rates run \$200; \$120 for students; and \$370 for those who would like to attend both the UGEC and GLP conferences. Please register early – the Early Bird rates are valid through June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Conference website: [www.ugec2010.org](http://www.ugec2010.org) Conference inquiries: [Ugec2010@asu.edu](mailto:Ugec2010@asu.edu)

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#### **Proposed Sessions for the 2010 UGEC Conference**

You are invited to submit abstracts under the following two sessions organized for the 2010 UGEC conference. Details of each are included below. Please make a formal submission on the UGEC conference website by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Furthermore, we are continually looking for session ideas and encourage you to submit these through the abstract submission link on our website: [www.ugec2010.org](http://www.ugec2010.org).

[Ecosystem Services on an Urbanizing Planet: What 2 Billion New Urbanites Means for Climate and Water](#)  
[Peri-Urban Development and Environmental Sustainability: Examples from China and India](#)

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[UGEC to host panel at the forthcoming ICLEI Resilient Cities Congress – 28.05.2010](#)

#### **Call for Papers**

[International Conference on Urbanization and Global Environmental Change: Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainability in an Urbanizing World](#) The submission deadline has been extended until **April 15, 2010**.

[GLP Open Science Meeting: Land Systems, Global Change and Sustainability](#) The submission deadline has been extended until **April 15, 2010**.

[GLP/UGEC Joint Day: Sustainable Land Systems in the Era of Urbanization and Climate Change](#) The submission deadline has been extended until **April 15, 2010**.

[Storm Surges Congress 2010, "Risk and Management of Current and Future Storm Surges"](#) – deadline **April 30<sup>th</sup>**

[Xiamen International Forum on Urban and Environment \(XIFUE\)](#) – deadline **May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**UGEC Viewpoints**  
[4<sup>th</sup> issue Call for Abstracts](#) – deadline **May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Journals**  
[Special issue on "Cities & Risk" for Revista de Ingeniería](#) – deadline **April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
[City, Culture, and Society](#)  
[International Journal of Urban Sustainable Development](#)

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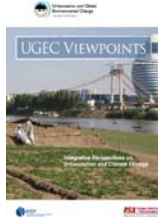
## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The third issue of **UGEC Viewpoints: Integrative Perspectives on Urbanization and Climate Change** has been sent out to those who have supplied us with mailing addresses. Thank you again to all who contributed articles. Much like the last issue, the theme was left open so as to highlight the diversity of research currently being undertaken within the UGEC community. You will see that many of the contributions focus strongly on adaptation challenges and strategies occurring at a

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variety of scales: within the municipality and at the state, national, and regional levels. Articles will also address responses to climate change and how these responses can be incorporated into policy with a particular emphasis on the challenges of urban water distribution and management. Enjoy!

### Project Associates & Endorsements

We are continually looking for projects to endorse and interested members of the community to become UGEC project associates in order to enhance and expand our network of scholars and practitioners. Please click [here](#) to learn more about these opportunities.

### New Publications by UGEC Project Affiliates

In an effort to reach the planning community, this article, published in *Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design*, addresses the urban land cover growth of Houston to 2025 to see how the rainfall distribution would respond. To our knowledge, this is one of the first published attempts to do this. Please click on the title below to read the full article.

#### [The impact of urbanization on current and future coastal precipitation: a case study for Houston](#)

J. Marshall Shepherd, et al.  
doi:10.1068/b34102t

Lampis, A. (2009). 'Seguridad humana, vulnerabilidad y migración, enlace conceptual', en UNCRD, *Valoración de la Situación de Seguridad Humana como Insumo a las Políticas de Desarrollo y Planteamiento Regional y Local en Bogotá-Cundinamarca*, UNDESA/UNCRD y Mesa de Planificación Bogotá y Cundinamarca, Bogotá: UNCRD. ISBN 978-958-97713-7-2

[\(...more publications\)](#)