

Planners Network



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Please send in your updates to [newsletter@plannersnetwork.org](mailto:newsletter@plannersnetwork.org). Send in news about yourself and your work, notices about jobs, events, publications, and grants of interest to progressive planners (maximum 100 words please). Have a message or opinion you want to get out? Write it up (maximum 250 words; longer pieces may be considered for the magazine) and send them in as well.

**PN2008: Planning in Challenging Climates**

*(And we don't just mean the weather)*

**Call for Participation**

PN2008 will bring together an array of planning practitioners, community and economic development professionals, organizers, policy analysts, designers, students and faculty. They will discuss strategies addressing social and environmental justice in challenging climates - including social, political and economic climates.

Topics of interest to the conference include, but are not limited to: models for community economic development • inner city community development • art and the city • planning and aboriginal communities • neighbourhood revitalization • downtown redevelopment • housing and homelessness • promoting active transportation • urban ecology • green buildings and sustainable communities • social impacts of sprawl • heritage planning • progressive planning and the media • age-friendly communities.

A range of session types is encouraged, from conventional panels to participatory workshops and “how-to” sessions. Please send proposals for individual contributions or full sessions to [PN2008Sessions@pnmb.org](mailto:PN2008Sessions@pnmb.org) . The deadline for proposals is **April 30, 2008**. Space is limited. Please include the proposed session content, format and a list of potential speakers, panelists or participants. Additional conference information, including preliminary schedule, accommodations and mobile workshops, is available at [www.pnmb.org](http://www.pnmb.org) . The web site will be updated regularly as the conference program develops.

Winnipeg and Manitoba have long histories with struggles for social justice. The city was the site of Canada’s best known general strike in 1919. It played significant roles in the development of the co-operative movement in the mid-twentieth century. This led to the formation of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) a political party that supported farmers and workers, and called for public health insurance, public housing, and public ownership of major industries. In the early 1960s, with the Canadian Labour Congress, the CCF became the New Democratic Party – and Manitoba is currently the only province with an NDP government. There is strong history of community economic development in the city, and it is known for its high rate of volunteerism and its vibrant arts culture. The region is also known for its long winters. Unfortunately this is not the only challenging climate faced by progressive planners and advocates for social and environmental justice. The pervasive neo-liberal climate has undermined social programs; sprawl has created a climate intolerant to active transportation, and competes with the downtown core for amenities; and the growing aboriginal population struggles to overcome a history of oppression.

## PN NEWS

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The PN Steering Committee has recently formed the following sub-committees to focus on specific tasks. If you would be interested in volunteering in one of the following committees: Membership & Chapters Committee, Conference Committee or Fundraising Committee, please e-mail one of the representatives below for more information. Also, if any PNers would like to join the Young Planners Network (YPN) listserv or to assist a local YPN chapter, please feel free to e-mail SC members Meredith Phillips ([meredith.urbanplanning@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.urbanplanning@gmail.com)) or Cornell Carney ([editor.cornell@gmail.com](mailto:editor.cornell@gmail.com)).

### **Publications Committee:**

*(Progressive Planning Magazine and The Disorientation Guide):*

- Tom Angotti (co-chair)
- Ann Forsyth (co-chair)
- Marie Kennedy
- Chester Hartman
- Norma Rantisi
- Amy Siciliano
- Carlos Balsas

### **Membership and PN Chapters Committee:**

- Lee Deuben (co-chair), E-mail: [LDeuben@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:LDeuben@cmap.illinois.gov)
- Josh Lerner (co-chair) E-mail: [josh\\_lerner@hotmail.com](mailto:josh_lerner@hotmail.com)
- Richard Milgrom
- Amy Siciliano
- Stacy Harwood
- Jocelyne Chait

### **Conference Committee:**

- Alex Schafran (chair), E-mail: [jaba1000@yahoo.com](mailto:jaba1000@yahoo.com)
- Lee Deuben
- Richard Milgrom
- Marla Nelson

### **Fundraising Committee:**

- Norma Rantisi, E-mail: [nrantisi@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:nrantisi@alcor.concordia.ca)
- DRU Clark

## **PN MEMBER UPDATES**

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### **From PNER Leah Birnbaum:**

PNER **Leah Birnbaum**, formerly a Planner at Urban Strategies Inc, now has a new position at Ontario Growth Secretariat as a Senior Associate.

### **From PNER Marisa Cravens:**

PNER **Marisa Cravens** wrote and received an environmental justice grant for the Association of Bay Area Governments to support cities and communities in the San Francisco Bay Area who are fighting displacement of low income populations as a result of gentrification. Funded by the California Department of Transportation, the funds will be used to disseminate new research on equitable development in TODs to Bay Area cities, support the development of regional equity policies, and give smaller grants to local efforts.

### **From PNER Josh Lerner:**

I recently started blogging with a couple blogs that PN'ers might be interested in: the progressive policy blog Foresight (a project of the New Vision Institute) and the Movement Vision Lab's blog (a project of the Center for Community Change). Here are the links: Foresight - [www.nvinstitute.org/wordpress](http://www.nvinstitute.org/wordpress), Movement Vision Lab - [www.movementvisionlab.org](http://www.movementvisionlab.org).

## NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

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Louise Dunlap  
Ann Griffin  
Christina Gonzalez  
Paul Jackson  
David Johnson  
Alex Karman

Katharine Martindale  
James Rather  
Stacey Sutton  
Brandi Thompson  
Jeremy Thompson

## PUBLICATIONS

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**“Uneven Justice: State Rates of Incarceration by Race and Ethnicity,”** (2007, 23 pp.) by Marc Mauer and Ryan S. King, is available from [www.sentencingproject.org](http://www.sentencingproject.org)

**“Opportunity at Work: Improving Job Quality,”** (2007, 24 pp.) by Elizabeth Lower-Basch is available from the Center for Law and Social Policy, 1015 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW, #400, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202/906-8000.

**“Increasing Access to Low-Poverty Areas by Creating Mixed-Income Housing,”** (2007, 95 pp.) by Diane L. Houk, Erica Blake and Fred Freiberg, has been published by The Fair Housing Justice Center, a program of HELP USA, [www.fairhousingjustice.org](http://www.fairhousingjustice.org).

**“Building Commons and Community,”** (2007, 222pp.) by Karl Linn, has been published by New Village Press, [press@newvillage.net](mailto:press@newvillage.net).

**“Dealing With Race: The Quest for Regional Cooperation,”** (2005, 40 pp.) edited by Philippa Strum, is proceedings of a February 2005 conference on the New Detroit Coalition, sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars’ Division of U.S. Studies, and is available from the Center, 1300 Penn. Ave. NW, Washington, D.C., 20004-3027.

**“Vital Links: Housing’s Contributions to the Nation’s Health and Education Objectives,”** is a new resource from the Center for Housing Policy. For each topic (health, education) there is a *Research Summary, Literature Review and Annotated Bibliography*. Available at [www.nhc.org/housing/intersections](http://www.nhc.org/housing/intersections).

**“Building Commons and Community”** by Karl Linn, published by the News Village Press, in bookstores January 2008, available now through News Village Press [http://newvillagepress.net/pub\\_buildingCommons.html](http://newvillagepress.net/pub_buildingCommons.html).

## EVENTS

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**November 27, 2007. “Lofty Pursuits”** a live talk show with sociologist Sharon Zukin and Jed Walentas, vice-president, Two Trees Corporation. In conjunction with On Being an Exhibition, now showing at Artists Space, Zukin and Walentas will discuss culture, capital, and urban development from SoHo to DUMBO. Presented by The Center for Urban Pedagogy ([www.anothercupdevelopment.org](http://www.anothercupdevelopment.org))

**December 3, 2007. A Forum on Housing Mobility and Education: Improving the Transition to New Communities and Schools**, to be held from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Baltimore, Maryland. Co-sponsored by Baltimore Regional Housing Campaign and PPRAC. For more information, contact Phil Tegeler at PPRAC, [ptegler@pprac.org](mailto:ptegler@pprac.org).

**March 5-7, 2008. Regional Equity '08: The Third National Summit on Equitable Development, Social Justice, and Smart Growth.** This Summit will offer participants a venue to explore current research, trends, and issues and learn about innovative organizing, advocacy, and policy strategies to connect low-income communities to resources and opportunity. ([www.regionalequity.org](http://www.regionalequity.org))

**April 22-26, 2008. Ecocity World Summit.** (7th International Ecocity Conference) San Francisco, CA. [www.ecocityworldsummit.org](http://www.ecocityworldsummit.org)

## JOBS

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### LOUISIANA

#### **Planner II - Geographic Information System Division** East Baton Rouge Planning Commission

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*Duties:* Planners are responsible for the preparation and presentation of studies and reports, as well as prepare and present studies and reports (written, graphic and oral). Planning staff also assists with the preparation of task assignments within the assigned Section and coordinating these tasks with other Sections and/or Divisions of the office. Represent the office when necessary.

*Requirements:* Master's or bachelor's degree in urban planning, regional planning or a related field; and depending on position some professional level planning experience is required; or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

*Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities:* Knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of urban planning. Knowledge of GIS software and databases. Ability to utilize GIS software and databases, to interpret and analyze technical and statistical information and to prepare technical, oral and written reports and maps. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with employees, officials, other agencies, and the general public. Ability to present technical information clearly and in an interesting manner to various groups and the general public.

Beginning Salary Range: \$31,583 - \$43,718 plus benefits (depending on experience)

For Information Contact: Troy L. Bunch, Planning Director, City-Parish Planning Commission, P.O. Box 1471, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821, Telephone 225/389-3144 Fax: 225/389-5342, Email: [tbunch@brgov.com](mailto:tbunch@brgov.com).

## MASSACHUSETTS

### **Director – Action for Regional Equity**

Action for Regional Equity (Action!)  
Boston

**Action for Regional Equity (Action!),** [www.actionma.org](http://www.actionma.org) – a coalition of 18 Massachusetts equity organizations united to address continuing disparities in affordable housing, transportation investment, and environmental justice – addresses the critical development challenges facing the Commonwealth. By recognizing the connection between these issues, Action! identifies policy solutions that share benefits and burdens of growth fairly across communities. Advancing regional equity creates policies that value vital working class communities, sustainably develops the region, and benefits all of its residents. PolicyLink, a national nonprofit research and advocacy intermediary, has been a valued partner from the onset.

*Position Description:* The **Director** will play the lead role in the coordination and implementation of Action!’s Transit Equity and Community Controlled Housing Campaigns. The Director will work with Action! Organizational leadership, campaign partners, and PolicyLink staff to implement a 24-month workplan that advances recommendations from recent research produced by Action! on these issues. The campaigns’ priority issues revolve around transportation investment, housing affordability, economic development, land-use, and environmental justice. The Director will be responsible for implementing a range of strategies including policy and advocacy, research, coalition building and project management. The Director must be able to lead a multi-issue campaign that involves players from multiple sectors including community groups, labor, government officials and academia. Annualized salary is in the range from \$50,000 to \$56,000 with benefits, dependent on experience. The position runs through December 2009 with the possibility for continuation dependent on the status of the campaign activities.

*Qualifications:* Strong skills and demonstrated success with critical campaign activities: strategic planning, public speaking, activist training, organizing people, oral and written communication and problem solving; Minimum 4 years experience working on social and environmental justice issues and/or land-use and planning; Equivalent experience to a master’s degree in planning, environmental science, public health, public administration, or community development; Strong understanding and commitment to the environmental justice movement in Massachusetts and clear analysis of race and class issues; Detail orientation with a demonstrated ability to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines; Understanding of the fundraising process including liaison with foundation representatives and grant writing experience; Willingness to travel throughout Massachusetts as campaign demands evolve; A team

player with the demonstrated ability to work effectively with people from diverse backgrounds as well as independently.

*Closing Date:* December 11, 2007. Earlier submissions will be reviewed as received. For more information regarding the duties or to submit qualifications, contact Meira Soloff at [meira@actionma.org](mailto:meira@actionma.org), or call (617) 442-3435 x237. Campaign Priorities available upon request.

## NEW MEXICO

### **Assistant Professor of Planning**

University of New Mexico, School of Architecture and Planning

The **School of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico** is seeking an **Assistant Professor of Planning** with expertise in applied physical planning and design. The Assistant Professor of Planning will teach undergraduate and graduate seminars and planning studios, co-ordinate the CRP Physical Planning and Design concentration, advise graduate students, conduct research, engage in community service and assume regular faculty responsibilities. This probationary appointment leading to a tenure decision will begin August 14, 2008.

The Community and Regional Planning Program is part of the School of Architecture and Planning, along with the Architecture and Landscape Architecture Programs. The School also offers interdisciplinary, graduate certificate programs in Historic Preservation and Regionalism, and Town Design.

*Minimum Qualifications:* 1) Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning, Urban Studies and Planning, or a terminal professional degree in a related field; 2) demonstrated expertise and practice in applied physical planning and design at the site, subdivision, community and regional scale; 3) teaching experience and competence in physical planning and geo-spatial analysis; 4) show promise for distinguished record of community engagement, scholarship, applied research and professional accomplishment in practice.

*Preferred Qualifications:* 1) Demonstrated expertise in community-based design and development; 2) experience in applying principles of human and natural ecology in physical planning and infrastructure design; 3) knowledgeable about spatial representation of information, physical plan preparation, plan implementation and development review; 4) demonstrated ability to work in interdisciplinary and collegial setting; 5) demonstrated ability to teach planning studios, and topical seminar courses such as the Foundations of Physical Planning, GIS, and/or Urban Design Theory; 6) Ph.D. in Community and Regional Planning or closely related field.

*Applicants must send:* 1) a signed letter of intent; 2) curriculum vitae; and 3) names of four academic references (with addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail) to Prof. Ric Richardson, Search Chair, School of Architecture and Planning, University of New Mexico, MSC04 2530, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-0001. Short- listed

candidates will be asked to submit copies of selected work. The application deadline is December 3, 2007.

New Mexico has a rich and varied culture, and qualified candidates from all underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. EEO/AA

## NEW YORK

### **Land Use / Environmental Planner (Entry, Mid and Senior Level)**

Ferrandino & Associates, Inc.

Elmsford, NY

**Ferrandino and Associates**, a multi-disciplinary planning consulting firm, provides an array of planning and planning-related services to municipalities, private corporations, nonprofit agencies, institutions and private developers. The firm's wide range of consulting expertise includes land use and zoning studies, comprehensive and environmental planning, economic development, real estate analysis and site feasibility. Ferrandino and Associates also specializes in affordable housing, commercial revitalization and community development planning and administration.

*Qualifications:* The firm seeks individuals who are well organized, mature, self-starters and work well alone and as part of a team. Flexibility a must. Master's degree in Planning, Urban Design, Economics or Public Administration preferred. In addition, candidates must have excellent writing skills, be computer literate and have working knowledge of Word Perfect or Word and Excel. Must own or have access to a car, as office is not readily accessible to rail.

*Position description:* Very active Westchester-based planning consulting firm (1/2 hour from mid-town Manhattan) with a diversified urban/suburban, public/private practice, seeks planners with an array of interests and qualifications related to the field of planning. Prospective candidate would assist in the areas of comprehensive planning, zoning, site plan review, economic development, housing and/or environmental planning. Participation in comprehensive plans, sustainable growth studies, zoning, site plan and sub-division reviews. NYC CEQR and NYS SEQRA processing. NYC ULURP and NYC Board of Standards and Appeals reports and testimony.

*Contact information:* Mr. Vince Ferrandino, 3 West Main Street, Elmsford, NY, United States, 10523, Primary Phone : (914) 345-5820, Primary E-mail : [VJFMV@aol.com](mailto:VJFMV@aol.com).

*How to apply:* Please email cover letter and resume to [vjfmv@aol.com](mailto:vjfmv@aol.com). No phone calls please.



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**Housing & Economic Development Planner (Entry, Mid and Senior Level)**

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Elmsford, NY

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**Planning Internship (Entry, Mid and Senior Level)**

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Elmsford, NY

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*Qualifications:* Interest in public policy, research, planning and economics. Computer literate, including knowledge of database software; GIS desired. Access to automobile preferred for fieldwork.

*Position description:* Conduct research for projects and proposals pertaining to urban planning including downtown revitalization, environmental issues, affordable housing and economic development.

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**Empire State Housing Alliance Coalition Coordinator**  
Empire State Housing Alliance

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The **Empire State Housing Alliance**, a newly-established coalition that seeks to unite upstate and downstate organizing groups in a coordinated effort to call on New York State to devote greater funding to affordable housing and smart growth solutions, seeks a **Coordinator** to help develop and drive the coalition's strategy and maintain and build the coalition's membership. Seeded by the Center for Community Change, a national non-profit organization, ESHA brings together grassroots organizing groups to build the collective power and capacity of low income New Yorkers in order to achieve political and policy changes at the state level that will benefit their local communities.

More specifically, the project advances two goals: (1) to increase the political and fiscal investments in affordable housing at the state level, and; (2) to establish a statewide consortium of organizing groups that communicate regularly, develop a common policy agenda to advance at the state level, and are willing to exercise their political power collectively. The Coordinator will work in close collaboration with the ESHA Steering Committee to develop a set of strategic goals and objectives and implement and advance the coalition's housing initiatives. The Coordinator is not intended to serve as a spokesperson or lobbyist for the Coalition, but rather to develop and facilitate leadership opportunities for grassroots groups.

Ideally, the Coordinator will be based in Albany, but the Coalition is willing to be flexible on location for the right candidate. This is a part-time position (30 hours per week), with the potential to develop into a full-time position depending on future fundraising.

*Job responsibilities:* Help develop and implement campaign strategy, including arranging meetings with legislators; preparing briefing materials for members and legislators/staff; providing administrative support for press and other events. Work with grassroots partners to coordinate and amplify local organizing strategies.

Build and maintain relationships with ESHA members; identify potential members and allies and conduct outreach to them. Manage communications with membership, including maintaining database of contacts and coordinating communication between subcommittees and full membership. Work with steering committee to staff coalition and subcommittee meetings (both in person and by conference call): develop agenda,

identify participants, arrange logistics, facilitate discussions, compile and distribute minutes.

Provide other administrative support as needed. Conduct housing policy research and analysis and draft coalition proposals; update proposals as they are revised. In conjunction with steering committee, develop fundraising strategy and draft grant proposals; document all activities and prepare reports to funders as required. Provide monthly reports to steering committee.

*Qualifications:* At least 4 years background in community organizing and experience with grassroots groups and organizing strategies. Coalition building skills; ability to draw on assets provided by diverse organizations and maximize the ability of the coalition to function at a high level. Excellent facilitation skills. Strong writing, editing, communications and presentation skills. A high degree of comfort in managing multiple tasks and deadlines, with ability to produce consistent, quality work in a fast-paced environment. Ability to learn issues quickly. Ability to travel frequently, as needed. Knowledge and experience with NYS government desirable. Commitment to social and economic justice, collaborative processes, and the participation and leadership of low-income people and their organizations.

*Salary and Benefits:* \$35,000 with benefits, depending on experience. Position open until filled.

*Submit Resume to:* ESHA Coordinator Position, c/o Center for Community Change 330 Seventh Ave., Suite 1810, New York, NY 10001

## WISCONSIN

### **Lead Organizer**

Northside Planning Council  
Madison, WI

The **Northside Planning Council**, a national award-winning coalition of diverse Madison neighborhood organizations working to improve our community's quality of life, seeks highly skilled, multi-talented applicants for full-time position. Requires minimum of 3 years professional experience in community organizing/community development. Experiences in leadership development, leading successful campaigns, grant writing, local government highly desirable. Women, people of color and those fluent in Spanish or Hmong encouraged to apply. Low to mid \$40s; good benefits.

The **Lead Organizer** is expected to support the work of the organization, the citizen-leaders comprising the NPC board of directors, and the member organizations represented thereon. The Lead Organizer reports to the NPC Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Learn more about the Northside Planning Council on Northside Online at [www.northsideplanningcouncil.org](http://www.northsideplanningcouncil.org).

### *Responsibilities:*

“External” Community Organizing & Community Building

- Train and develop new leaders in existing and emerging organizations and the community at-large; Mobilize people and resources (including fundraising and grant writing) to achieve goals; Build and facilitate relationships among individuals/ organizations around issues and projects; Raise awareness of issues and opportunities for citizen and community input/involvement; Organize and strengthen organization as well as neighborhood and community organizations; Support initiatives of the council; Serve as publisher of the Northside News, our bimonthly community newspaper, and assist the Editor in writing, editing, design layout and advertising sales.

“Internal” Organizing & Organizational Development/Support

- Identify and monitor community issues, help NPC and member organizations select, research, and prioritize issues, and develop and implement organizing/ advocacy strategies and campaigns; Facilitate the development and functioning of NPC’s board, including member recruitment and orientation, training and leadership development, and coordinating and supporting committees; Facilitate strategic planning, goal-setting/prioritization, and ongoing organizational evaluation; Support and facilitate NPC members at meetings with public officials government and business leaders; Fundraise to further diversify and expand funding streams (including grant writing and oversight); Supervise other employees, interns or volunteers that the organization may hire and/or work with the Administrator, ensuring that the organization meets all reporting and legal requirements.

Application deadline: January 7. Resumes not accepted in place of application.

For info & application, contact 608-661-0060 ext 1 or

[job@northsideplanningcouncil.org](mailto:job@northsideplanningcouncil.org), AA/EOE.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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**International Planning Studies** is circulating call for papers for two special issues on **Critical Research in Planning and on Demographic Change and Planning**. Please see below. Inquiries might be addressed to: Francesca Sartorio [sartoriof@Cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:sartoriof@Cardiff.ac.uk) or Denise Phillips [PhillipsDE@cf.ac.uk](mailto:PhillipsDE@cf.ac.uk).

### What is left of planning?

#### Call for papers for International Planning Studies - Deadline Monday 17 December

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Pursuing its mission to improve and enhance discussion and exchange on current and emerging issues in planning from a critical perspective, IPS opens a call for papers focusing on ‘What is left of planning?’.

The editors would be interested in a broad range of contributions from theoretical and historical analyses of the rise of neo-liberal thinking in planning through to reports and reflections by planning practitioners on local practices which have challenged orthodoxy from a left point of view.

The call follows the birth and first symposium of Planning Network UK, an 'organisation seeking to establish a network to support critical thinking about the current state of planning in the UK' (PNUK, 2006) and comprising both professionals and researchers in the field of planning. The aim of the call is to promote the production and submission of a series of progressive and/or critical papers in planning research focusing on the shifting role and aims of planning in a neo-liberal globalisation context. Andy Inch and Tim Marshall's article published in issue 12/1 could ideally provide a trail to follow, but papers pushing forward any further or additional thesis and/or stemming from planning cultures other than the British one will be also welcome. They will have to be submitted to the Editorial Manager by Monday 17 December 2007 at the latest and will follow the usual review procedure. Selected papers will be published in a special issue edited by Michael Edwards and John Lovering in Spring 2008. Any query to the editors or Denise Phillips ([PhillipsDE@cf.ac.uk](mailto:PhillipsDE@cf.ac.uk)).

Planning, at the urban, regional and national and international levels, faces new challenges, notably those related to the growth of globalisation as both an objective socio-economic process and a shift in policy-maker perceptions and modes of analysis. IPS addresses these issues by publishing quality research in a variety of specific fields and from a range of theoretical and normative perspectives, which helps improve understanding of the actual and potential role of planning and planners in this context. Specific policy areas covered include, but not solely, urban design, economic development, environmental policy, spatial planning, housing, transport, social inclusion.

IPS fills a gap between the more specialist theoretical and empirical journals in planning and urban-regional studies. In doing so it throws new light on the influences on, and effects of, the evolution of planning theory, practice and process, and the outcomes of planning, past and present.

Contributors are invited to submit articles based on original empirical or theoretical work, or assessments or critiques of existing studies that offer new perspectives, critical insights, or new data to stimulate and inform debate over the future development of planning.