

PURPLSOC

Pursuit of Pattern Languages for Societal Change

International Conference

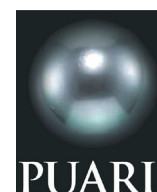
International Conference on

PURSUIT OF PATTERN LANGUAGES FOR SOCIETAL CHANGE

October 19th to 21st, 2017, Krems, Austria

PURPLSOC HISTORY

Following a successful first PURPLSOC 2015, the world conference PURPLSOC will be hosted by Danube University Krems from October 19th to 21st 2017. PURPLSOC is taking place every two years on an alternating basis with the International PUARL Symposium in Portland and close to EuroPLoP.



BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

During the last two decades many patterns, pattern languages, and case studies describing their successful application have been published in a number of different disciplines. However, this still feels like the tip of an iceberg, with many open scientific questions, e. g. regarding the theoretical background of patterns and the practical implementation of pattern methods in research and teaching. PURPLSOC is intended to stimulate the attention for pattern related work, both in the scientific community and the wider public, by showing its broad applicability and fruitfulness and bringing application/best practice examples from outside the scientific community into research.

The PURPLSOC conference provides a forum for pattern researchers from a variety of fields as well as for the broader public to come together to present and discuss application fields like:

- » Architecture, Urbanism and Regional Development
- » Design, Media, Arts & IT
- » Pedagogy, Education and Learning
- » Social Activism, Social Innovation and Grassroots Movement
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International Conference**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Taken from the ideas of Christopher Alexander, the conference will focus on the many ways in which patterns can be applied to a wide range of working and learning environments to support life, wholeness, and beauty. The conference will foster the central idea of PURPLSOC: applying the pattern approach to many disciplines and areas of the life-word. Life as a complex web of relationships, as an emergent process over time, and as a human feeling will be discussed in such different fields like complexity theory, pattern theory, learning, architecture, sustainability, and social activism to name just a few of the interesting research questions. We want to demonstrate how the Alexandrian pattern approach can be applied to many contemporary societal discourses and debates.

The conference itself will be organized with a balanced mix of invited keynote lectures, presentations and talks, public exhibitions and (writers') workshops. Game sessions and outdoor activities are planned to help the participants to get to know each other, activate the non-technical halves of their brains, and build up a community of trust.

A preliminary schedule will be announced in May 2017.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION

PURPLSOC follows a highly innovative conference design in a highly innovative field. We therefore call for high-quality and innovative submissions that address one or more of the following topics:

- » Experiences and examples of the Alexandrian approach in different subjects and disciplines
- » Increase of the understanding of living properties and their processes: motivation, empirical evidence, application etc.
- » The Alexandrian approach for societal change, as a new paradigm for social processes and innovation, and its application in specific projects
- » Usages of patterns and pattern languages in general

There will be space for all different kinds of contributions at the conference such as:

- » Research Papers
- » Talks and Presentations
- » Posters
- » Workshop Proposals
- » Exhibition Objects (design or architectural work, project presentations)

International Conference**PROCEEDINGS**

Authors are required to submit an abstract/description of their contribution (250 words), that will undergo an open review process among the program committee, until **June 25th, 2017**. Full papers/Detailed descriptions/Full Presentations are due August 22nd 2017. Research papers and other suitable contributions are planned to be published in print after undergoing a double blind review.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstracts/Descriptions are due: **June 25th, 2017**

Acceptance notice/invitation: July 18th, 2017

Full paper/Detailed description/Full Presentation: August 22nd, 2017

Conference: October 19 to 21, 2017

Publication: August 2018

SUBMISSION

Contributions must be submitted by sending a mail to papers@purplsoc.org

All research papers must conform to American Psychological Association 6th Edition format. All paper submissions will undergo a rigorous double blind review process. Contributors planning to be published in print must comply to the Creative Commons licence CC-BY-SA (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/>)

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