



Call for Abstracts : Improving livability in cold climate cities

Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC) invites writers, designers, artists and thinkers to submit abstracts for Volume 6 of our annual publication, *Urban Infill*. *Urban Infill* examines themes in contemporary urban design, architecture, and planning. Past volumes have addressed shrinking cities, temporary urbanism, urban hydrology, storytelling, and diagramming in an urban context. These can be previewed here: (www.cudc.kent.edu/publications/urban_infill/index.html)

Volume 6 is part of the CUDC's 2013 launch of the Center for Outdoor Living Design (COLD), which is dedicated to improving livability in cold weather cities (www.coldscapes.org). We invite examples and perspectives that challenge common perceptions of cold urban environments and reveal the unique design opportunities that winter cities present. Writings and projects may span across various disciplines, including architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design. We are particularly interested in submissions that correspond to any of these five (5) themes:

CONCEPTUALIZATION

(historical / theoretical framework for understanding the winter experience in cities)

REPRESENTATION

(visualizations and multi-sensory communication techniques that evoke the atmospheric conditions and ephemerality of the winter season)

EXPERIENCE OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

(responses to the needs of homeless individuals and immigrants during winter weather conditions)

BUILT CASE STUDIES

(examples of successful constructed architectural or urban design projects in cold climates)

FUTURE WINTERS

(unbuilt projects and evocative possibilities for winter cities of the future)

Submission Requirements:

Abstract / Description (text) : 500 words or less

Images: no more than 5 thumbnails - total file size under 10MBs.

Please send abstracts and/or images via email to cudc@kent.edu no later than **Friday, May 31st 2013**. We welcome new, in-progress or pre-published, original work.

Relevant Dates:

Abstracts due: Friday, May 31st 2013

Notification to selected contributors: Friday, June 7nd 2013

Final entries due: Friday, July 19th 2013

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