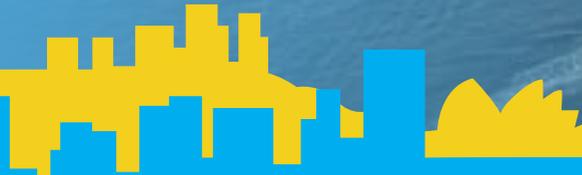


An aerial photograph of the Sydney city skyline and harbor. The image shows a dense cluster of modern skyscrapers in the background, with a mix of older brick buildings in the foreground. The harbor is filled with several ferries and boats, and a large, historic-looking building is visible on the waterfront. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is a vibrant representation of a major Australian city.

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A stylized graphic of a city skyline in yellow and blue, located in the bottom left corner of the page. It consists of several vertical bars of varying heights, representing buildings, with a blue bar on the right side.

INVITATION TO REGISTER

INVITATION TO ATTEND

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the State of Australian Cities Research Network (SOACRN), we take great pleasure in inviting you to participate in the 6th State of Australian Cities Conference, to be held in Sydney, 26-29 November 2013.

The SOAC Conference is the primary focus of the SOACRN and meets every two years at an alternating city around Australia.

This conference marks the 10th anniversary of the first SOAC conference, held in Parramatta in 2003. As such, it represents a significant point of progress for urban research in Australia. Ten years on from that first conference, the SOAC Conference series has established itself as the leading conference on Australian urban research, covering the full range of urban research interests. In the process, it has grown from an initial attendance of around 200 delegates to reach 350 at Melbourne in 2011. SOAC is the key event at which the Australian urban research community meets to exchange ideas and to network.

Moreover, the SOAC Conference presents full double blind peer reviewed papers which are published in a collected conference proceedings. The SOAC Conference therefore offers an excellent opportunity for you to reconnect with academic colleagues and hear about the latest developments in the field.

NICOLE GURRAN AND BILL RANDOLPH
SOAC 2013 Conference Co-Chairs

KEY DATES

NOW OPEN

23 APRIL 2013

17 MAY 2013

20 JULY 2013

9 AUGUST 2013

27 SEPTEMBER 2013

31 OCTOBER 2013

4 NOVEMBER 2013

REGISTRATION

PHD SYMPOSIUM APPLICATIONS CLOSE

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION FOR SOAC PHD SYMPOSIUM

FULL PAPERS DUE

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES

PAPERS BACK FROM REVIEW

SOAC PHD SYMPOSIUM BRIEF OF RESEARCH DUE

FINAL FULL PAPER DUE FOR PUBLICATION



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THE VENUE – SHANGRI-LA HOTEL

Fittingly, the conference is being held in the Shangri-La Hotel within the heart of the historic Rocks. The Shangri-La is accessible by all forms of Sydney's public transport – train, bus, and ferry – and is within a ten minute walk of the central CBD. Many of the hotel's rooms and venues have outstanding views of Sydney Harbour. Many alternative accommodation options for delegates are also situated within and surrounding the Rocks, Circular Quay, and nearby Darling Harbour and North Sydney.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

WELCOME RECEPTION

DATE	TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER
TIME	5.30PM – 6.30PM
VENUE	CUSTOMS HOUSE
COST	INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATIONS ADDITIONAL TICKETS \$80 PER PERSON

Join us for the 2013 SOAC Conference Welcome Reception. Enjoy great food and wine as you catch up with friends and colleagues.

CONFERENCE DINNER

DATE	THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER
TIME	7.00PM – 11.30PM
VENUE	MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
COST	\$120 PER PERSON

The 2013 SOAC Conference Dinner will be held at the Museum of Contemporary Art, and will include a three course meal and beverages. This is an optional function and is not included in any registration type.

PHD RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

SOAC is pleased to announce that the SOAC PhD symposium will be held in Sydney on November 24 – 26, and will be carried out in conjunction with the SOAC 2013 conference.

The symposium will be held at the University of Technology, Sydney campus adjacent to the CBD, and is organised jointly by the City Futures Research Centre at UNSW and the School of Built Environment at the University of Technology, Sydney.

All PhD students conducting research related to cities and urban issues are invited to share their research and get constructive feedback from senior academic mentors and PhD student colleagues. The symposium will be comprised of intensive study modules in small groups with plenary sessions and presentations from academic mentors.

It will require active participation from those attending, including presentations of research issues related to their theses.

Student applicants are to submit an abstract of 300 words regarding their research, which indicates the title, topic, research question, brief review of the issues, research design, methods, and what stage of their PhD student career they are in.

Financial assistance is available for assistance with flights and accommodation for delegates to attend the PhD Symposium. Funding will be determined via an application process. Please complete the application form which can be downloaded from the conference website.

A dedicated and reasonably priced accommodation option will be provided for students who register for the symposium. Further details will be made available as they become available.

REGISTRATION

All who wish to attend the 2013 SOAC Conference should complete a registration form and send to Leishman Associates. Registration may be completed online or by hard copy in this document

	EARLY BIRD	STANDARD
Full Registration	\$595	\$655
PhD Student	\$395	\$455
Day Registration		\$250
SOAC PhD Symposium	No Charge	No Charge

ENTITLEMENTS

FULL AND STUDENT REGISTRATION

Includes attendance at conference sessions from 27 – 29 November, plus morning refreshments, lunch and afternoon refreshments on the days of the conference. Full registration also includes a conference satchel, delegate handbook, name badge and entry into the welcome reception.

DAY REGISTRATION

Includes attendance at conference sessions on your day of choice, plus morning refreshments, lunch and afternoon refreshments on your selected day of the conference. Day registration also includes a conference satchel, delegate handbook and name badge. It does not include entry into the welcome reception and conference dinner, however tickets to the social activities may be purchased separately.

SOAC PHD SYMPOSIUM

Includes attendance at SOAC PhD Symposium sessions from 24 – 26 November, plus morning refreshments, lunch and afternoon refreshments on the days of the PhD Symposium. This registration type does not include the SOAC Conference or any social functions associated with the conference. Delegates can register for the SOAC Conference and social function in addition to attending the SOAC PhD Symposium.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been secured at the following hotels. The rates published below are only available when booking accommodation as part of your registration or via the conference managers. Room Rates are in Australian Dollars per night.

THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL

Conference Venue
176 Cumberland Street, The Rocks, NSW

Fittingly, the conference is being held in the Shangri-La Hotel within the heart of the historic Rocks precinct. The Shangri-La is accessible by all forms of Sydney's public transport – train, bus, and ferry – and is within a ten minute walk of the central CBD. Many of the hotel's rooms and venues have outstanding views of Sydney Harbour.

Deluxe Room \$295.00



RENDEZVOUS HOTEL

5 minute walk to the Conference Venue
75 Harrington Street, The Rocks, NSW

The comfortable Studio Rooms give you a choice of one queen bed or two single beds. You can make use of the self-catering facilities as you unwind in our stylish studios, which are larger than standard hotel rooms and feature an en-suite bathroom.

Studio Room \$220.00



NAPOLEON ON KENT

9 minute walk to the Conference Venue
219 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW

Situated in the heart of Sydney's central business district, Napoleon on Kent is a modern, self contained apartment complex ideally located at the Harbour Bridge end of Kent Street just a short stroll from the historic Rocks area and just minutes from Darling Harbour and Circular Quay.

Studio Room \$145.00

One Bedroom Apartment \$165.00



PARK REGIS SYDNEY

19 minute walk to the Conference Venue
27 Park Street, Sydney, NSW

Park Regis City Centre is designed to cater for both corporate and leisure travellers and is located in the heart of Sydney city, just a short walk to Hyde Park, Darling Harbour, Pitt Street Mall, Queen Victoria Building and Town Hall. Alternatively take a walk to Circular Quay for the weekend Rocks Markets or catch a ferry to Taronga Zoo.

Premier Rooms \$164.00



VIBE HOTEL, NORTH SYDNEY

19 minute walk to the Conference Venue
88 Alfred Street, Milsons Point, Sydney, NSW

Away from the bustle of the CBD, the Vibe Hotel is a short walk or train ride across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, in Milsons Point. Take pleasure in the rare luxury of exploring the North Sydney parklands, harbour view walkways or relax and enjoy the panoramic view from North Sydney Olympic pool.

Guest Room \$235.00

Deluxe View Room \$260.00

GENERAL INFORMATION

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Cancellations must be received in writing – mail, email or fax – to Leishman Associates. Cancellations will not be deemed to be received until you have written confirmation from Leishman Associates. If you have not received acknowledgement within two business days, please contact the Conference Managers – Leishman Associates on (03) 6234 7844. If you are cancelling any or all aspects of your booking: registration, accommodation and/or a tour, this can be done with one correspondence to Leishman Associates.

Cancellations postmarked on or before, 21 October 2013, will incur a fee of 50% of the registration amount. No refunds will be made for cancellations for the Conference postmarked on or after 22 October 2013, however substitutions may be accepted.

ACCOMMODATION TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please book your accommodation when registering your attendance for the conference; this can be done by using the online form or by sending an email to Leishman Associates. To confirm your booking, your supplied credit card will be transferred to the hotel you have selected. The hotel may choose to charge your card with the whole amount of your room charges or one night as a deposit prior to your arrival; this will depend on the individual hotels. If you arrive 24 hours later than your indicated arrival day you may find that you have forfeited one night's accommodation as a cancellation fee. Please note that some hotel cancellation policies may require 100% of the total booking amount to be paid for any cancelled rooms. If you would like to find out the terms and conditions of the hotel which you are staying at, please email Jessica@leishman-associates.com.au

If you need to cancel your accommodation booking within 30 days of your arrival date, any refund whether cash or credit card, will be subject to the hotel cancellation policy. You must contact the hotel directly for any applicable refund. Therefore no accommodation refund can be guaranteed within 30 business days of the conference. Please note that there are surcharges on credit card transactions at most hotels; please contact your hotel directly if you wish know their individual rates.

If you alter your accommodation booking after you have checked in, please deal directly with the hotel. If you arrive 24 hours later than your indicated arrival day you may find that you have forfeited your deposit.

LATE REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for the 2013 SOAC Conference will close one week prior to the starting date to enable appropriate pre-conference preparations. However, late registrations will be accepted onsite. Delegates who choose to register onsite will be required to pay for all related costs immediately, via cash, the provision of a cheque or credit card number. Receipts will be sent to the delegate concerned after the conference.

The organisers cannot guarantee that collateral, such as satchels, will be available to late registering delegates. In addition, there is a risk that social program functions may be fully subscribed. This policy has been implemented to enable a greater efficiency in the coordination necessary during the lead-up to the conference, and to ensure the most enjoyable conference experience possible for everyone involved.

INSURANCE

Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that participants take out their own general travel insurance. It is suggested that the insurance policy should also cover loss of fees/deposit, airfares, accommodation charges, medical expenses, loss or damage to personal property and repatriation expenses.

The Insurance should cover loss arising from the cancellation of the conference by the organisers or a person's inability to attend due to any reason whatsoever. No responsibility is taken by the conference managers for any person not holding insurance.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact the Conference Managers
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Ph. 03 6234 7844 | Fax. 03 6234 5958
Email: renee@leishman-associates.com.au
Web: www.leishman-associates.com.au



REGISTRATION

Please return your completed form to:
SOAC 2013 Conference, C/- Leishman Associates,
113 Harrington Street, Hobart TAS 7000
Fax: 03 6234 5958 | Email: jessica@leishman-associates.com.au

SECTION A – DELEGATE DETAILS

Title (please circle): Ms / Miss / Mrs / Mr / Dr / Other _____
Given Name _____
Surname _____
Position _____
Organisation _____
Postal Address _____
Suburb _____ State _____
Country _____
Business Phone _____ Mobile _____
Email _____
Special Diet or Access Requirements _____
 I do not wish to have my name and organisation listed on the delegate list

SECTION B – DELEGATE REGISTRATION DETAILS

Please indicate your registration type:	EARLY BIRD	STANDARD
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Registration	\$595	\$655
<input type="checkbox"/> PhD Student	\$395	\$455
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Registration		\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> SOAC PhD Symposium	No Charge	No Charge

TOTAL SECTION B – \$ _____

SECTION C – ACCOMPANY PARTNER DETAILS

Please indicate if you will be purchasing social function tickets for your accompanying partner:

Accompanying Partner – Name Badge Only

Partner Name: _____

Special Diet or Access Requirements: _____

SECTION D – SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The Welcome Reception is included in your full registration, however is NOT included in day registrations. To purchase tickets please enter number required below:

Welcome Reception – Tuesday 26 November 2013 _____ x tickets – \$80 each

Conference Dinner – Thursday 28 November 2013 _____ x tickets – \$120 each

TOTAL SECTION D – \$ _____

SECTION E – ACCOMMODATION

Name of hotel _____

Rate _____

Arrival Day & Date _____ Departure Day & Date _____

Name of person sharing with (if applicable) _____

Credit card details are required to secure tours and accommodation bookings. If you have purchased tickets or accommodation above, the below information MUST be completed. These credit card details will be passed onto the hotel/tour provider to secure your booking:

CREDIT CARD NUMBER REQUIRED

Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date: __ / __

Cardholder Name _____

Cardholder Signature _____

SECTION F – PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION

All fees are quoted in Australian dollars. Cheques, Money Orders or Bank Drafts should be made payable to “Leishman Associates – SOAC” and drawn on an Australian Bank or Australian branch of a foreign bank for the total amount in Australian dollars.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Credit Card Cheque Money Order Bank Draft

TOTAL SECTION B – REGISTRATION DETAILS

\$

TOTAL SECTION D – SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

\$

B + D + = \$ AUD TOTAL FEES PAYABLE:

\$

Credit Card Payments (We do not accept AMEX or Diners): Visa MasterCard

Card Number: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____

Expiry Date: __ / __

Cardholder Name _____

Cardholder Signature _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please ensure you read all Terms and Conditions before submitting your registration. Please visit for full details. <http://www.soacconference.com.au/terms-conditions/>

PRIVACY STATEMENT

When we collect and hold personal information about you, that is, information that can identify you, such as your name, address, other contact details and other information, it will be relevant to providing you with the services You are seeking. The personal information that we collect and hold about you depends on your interaction with us. Generally, we will collect and hold your personal information for the purposes of: providing services to you, to respond to queries made by you, to keep ourselves and you informed of the status of a former event you have expressed an interest in, or are attending. For a full version of the Leishman Associates Privacy Policy, please visit the conference website: <http://www.soacconference.com.au/privacy-policy/>

