



ANNUAL REPORT ON ISUF REGIONAL NETWORK ACTIVITIES – 2024

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The Isuf local network group continues to be very active and slowly but steadily expanding. As you can see from the list below, in Iran, the process of forming a local network (ISUFIran) is concluded, thanks to the generous efforts of Mazyar Abaee and other founding members. More recently, with President Vitor Oliveira, we have been in contact with scholars of other countries intending to join the Isuf network.

A network is forming in India (ISUF India), in Australia and New Zealand (ISUF-ANZ) and in Egypt. The network that is forming in Egypt should have not only a local interest, but also extend to other countries, with the probable name of Arab Network of Urban Morphology.

We have recent news about the NAUM North American Urban Morphology Network, which has been forming for some time, supported by Wendy McClure. The formation of the new network, with François Racine as president, seems to be well underway and a first in-person meeting was held in Montréal between the 1st and 2nd of June 2024.

It should be noted that the expansion of our association is concerning non-European countries, i.e. it is in the direction of strongly attenuating the Eurocentric character it had initially, extending our network to cultural areas in which there are long-established research groups on urban morphology, but also disseminating our ideas in those countries where the research we deal with is still struggling to spread. Also the low participation of African countries in our activities, often remarked, seems on the way to change.

All groups in formation are invited to present, together with the established networks, a report on the status of the activities and future programmes.

As usual, local networks have been very active continuing to organize a large number of regional conferences, publications, lectures, proving to be an important resource within the Isuf structure.

The ten currently active networks are:

CNUM , Chinese Network of Urban Morphology
CyNUM, Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology
ISUF-H, Hispanic International Seminar on Urban Form
ISUFIran – Iranian Network of Urban Morphology
ISUFItaly - Italian Network of Urban Morphology
ISUFPolska - Polish Network of Urban Morphology
NNUM - Nordic Network of Urban Morphology
PNUM - Portuguese-language Network of Urban Morphology
SNUM - Serbian Network of Urban Morphology
TNUM - Turkish Network of Urban Morphology

Indian Network of Urban Morphology (INUM)

Oceania Urban Morphology Network (OUMN)

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North American Urban Morphology Network (NAUMN)

Arab Network of Urban Morphology Aliaa

Synthetic information about the various Regional Networks is reported below:

Chinese Network of Urban Morphology (CNUM)

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CNUM keeps on expanding its influence through a series of seminars, specialized courses and lectures. We continue to post academic articles and latest trends on Chinese social media, gaining over 12,800 followers.

In recent times, CNUM has focused primarily on:

- Urban renewal and historic preservation in Guangzhou, China.
- Formation and application of management units in practice.
- The evolution and administration of microforms in Chinese historical districts.
- The role of time dimension and typomorphology in urban form research.

In the past year, 10 journal papers concerning Chinese urban morphology have been published, several of them can be found in *Urban Morphology*, including one article titled 'The relationship between urban form and land-use regulation in China: the case of Nanjing' by Caixia Gao, Hai Lu, Wowo Ding, and two viewpoints written by Hao Deng and Jintang Chen. In this field, 10 master's degrees and 1 PhD were awarded last year.

The president gave two keynote speeches on plot evolution and delicacy management in historical districts at the Urban Planning Society of China Annual Conference. In addition, CNUM members served as scientific board members and parallel session moderators at ISUF, presenting over 10 reports at Chinese and international conferences.

Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology (CyNUM)

Presidents: Ilaria Geddes, University of Cyprus; Nevter Zafer Cömert, Eastern Mediterranean University

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The Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology promotes research on the urban form of Cypriot cities and supports its dissemination both throughout the island of Cyprus and abroad. Its members are particularly interested in Historical Geographical Approaches, Space Syntax and Configurational Studies in the Eastern Mediterranean region.

- Activities in 2023-2024: CyNUM organised its 3rd Regional Conference in collaboration with the Knowledge Alliance for Evidence-Based Urban Practices (KAEBUP) final project conference in Nicosia, 6-9 December 2023, with the title "From Urban Research to Planning and Design: Strengthening Cooperation between Academia and Practice". The publication of the conference proceedings is expected by December 2024. A day-by-day summary of the conference is provided below:

Day 1: Following the opening speech by the Co-chairs Nadia Charalambous and Ilaria Geddes, and CyNUM Co-President Nevter Zafer Cömert, we dived into the first plenary "Evidence-Based Design: Going Beyond Data" with Ed Parham from Space Syntax and Mark David Major from Abu Dhabi University (ADU), discussing complex systems, the extent to which we can design cities, the need for critical thought in design

and what makes for sustainable cities. The results of our project were presented by Christina Panayi (the pedagogic model), Laurent Antonczak (business models for evidence-based urban practices), Ilaria Geddes (portfolio of research methods applied to real-life projects) and Achilleas Kalopedis (the Sustainable Toolkit for the Assessment of Master Plans).

We hosted three parallel sessions: 1. Urban Morphological Methodologies 2. Evidence-Based Design with presentations 3. Book (Forma in Divenire) and journals (Forma Civitatis; Journal of Urban Research and Development)

Day 2: plenary session by Howayda Al-Harity joining us online from Lebanon with a lecture about "Framing Modern Urban Heritage in the Aftermath of the Beirut Port Blast of 2020" in memory of Prof. Robert Saliba, who gave the keynote speech at the 2nd CyNUM Regional Conference in 2022.

We hosted 4 parallel session during the day: 1. Addressing Uncertainties 2. Participation and Evidence 3. Evidence from the Past. 4. Workshop on design thinking for evidence-based urban practices. Finally we closed the day with a round table on "The role of urban morphology in evidence-based planning and design" chaired by Vitor Oliveira with discussants: Ed Parham, Marco Maretto and Giuseppe Strappa.

Day 3: we hosted the first InPlanEd multiplier event with an introduction by Nadia Charalambous and presentations by Pantoleon Skayannis (competences framework for integrated planning), Ilaria Geddes (pilot course: planning for inclusive, people-centric and climate resilient cities), Sofia Tsadari (participation in integrated planning) and Yannis Paraskevopoulos (long-term perspective and next steps).

We then discussed the state and future of evidence-based design and planning in the EMME region in a round table chaired by Lora Nicolaou with Wafa Alghatam, Mark David Major, Şebnem Önal Hoşkara and Achilleas Kalopedis. The final parallel session was held on "Data and Tools for Planning and Design"

The final plenary session *Fostering Synergies: Advancing Collaboration Between Academia and Professional Practice* was chaired by Nadia Charalambous

Recent Publications:

I Geddes (2024). The role of urban form and architectural heritage in the 'reurbanisation' of the historical centre of Nicosia, in S Stellacci, D Giglito, C Piccoli (Eds.) *Advance Research and Design Tools for Architectural Heritage. Unforseen Paths*, Routledge, 31-52.

N Charalambous, V Oliveira (2024). Emerging Perspectives on Teaching Urban Form: A Blended Learning Approach, *Land* 13 (9), 1339.

I Geddes, C Chatzichristou, N Charalambous, A Ricchiardi (2024). Agency within Neighborhoods: Multi-Scalar Relations between Urban Form and Social Actors, *Land* 13 (3), 269.

T Vinderman, I Geddes, C Psathiti (2023). Lived Urban Form: Urban Morphology to Explore Social Dimensions of Urban Space, *The Journal of Public Space* 8 (3), 79-92.

I Geddes, A Camiz, N Ozgece, NZ Comert, Ş Hoşkara, G Caner (2023). Past, present and future of urban morphology research in Cyprus, *Serbian Architecture Journal* 15 (1, 2), 186-197.

N Charalambous, C Mettouris, I Geddes, E Vanezi, G Papadopoulos, C Xenofontos, M Kyprianou (2023). Collaborative Learning Spaces from Research to Practice: The KAEBUP Platform, *International Conference on Interactive Collaborative Learning Proceedings*, Springer Nature, 20-30.

Future Activities:

CyNUM will organise the 4th CyNUM Regional Conference in 2025. An official announcement will be made by December 2024.

Hispanic International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF-H)

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In 5–8 December 2023, the Seventh ISUF–H Congress took place in Santiago de Chile. After the Madrid Congress in 2022, the large number of people attending the Congress outweighed online participation, in the usual sequence of alternating Congresses on the two continents, one in Latin America and the other in Spain.

It is worth mentioning that 233 papers were received from 16 countries in Europe and America, of which 188 were accepted for presentation at the Congress. There was representation from Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Germany, Spain, Italy, Portugal and the United Kingdom. The countries with the highest number of papers presented, and almost equal participation, were Chile and Spain. In terms of participation by continent (America/Europe), almost 70 per cent of the accepted papers came from the Americas, with 30 per cent from Europe, and, as expected, the greatest participation from Spain.

The proceedings of the conference - like those of the previous ones - are available on the ISUF-H website <https://isufh.org/>

A paper by Katrhin Golda-Pongratz on the VI International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF-H) 2022, was published in the journal *Planning Perspectives*, 2024, vol. 39, n.3.

Iranian Network of Urban Morphology (ISUFIran)

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ISUFIran, established in 2023, gathers academicians with their main subject of focus including process typology, historico-geographical school, quantitative evaluation of urban form, urban form and climate, space syntax, morphological zoning, and complexity. In the last year, the Iranian network has held programs as listed below:

- a) A series of online events hosted by UARC (Urban Planning and Architecture Research Centre of Iran), with the presence and presentation of members of Italian and Turkish networks, beside members of ISUFIran;
- b) international public introductory meeting with nearly 50 audiences;
- c) A series of monthly public meetings, the first has been held last month, presented by the president and council members on the meaning of type and morphology in built environment;
- d) two courses in collaboration with UARC, the first on space syntax and the second on concepts, schools of thoughts, and applications of urban morphology, and a workshop on urban form and Qanat irrigation system held by Iran Construction Engineering Organization;

The network is planning for a year of online events, including lectures by Iranian scholars, joint meetings with other regional networks, and online one day mini conferences.

Italian Network of Urban Morphology (ISUFItaly)

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In the Isufitaly Conference in Bologna the renewal of the Council Board was decided and it will take place within the year. Many initiatives have been taken, but the usual biennial conference, already planned in Turin, will not be held. Instead, the project for the conference planned in Turin (organizer M. Trisciuglio) will form the basis of the next Isuf 2025 conference, alike in Turin. In the time since the Belgrade conference in 2023, Isufitaly members have developed numerous programs and published numerous works.. Among others (organisers and authors in brackets):

- International workshop on the historical heritage of Abruzzo, Castel di Sangro, July 2024 (A. Camiz)
 - Pandemics and the changing built environment. (Proceedings). DRUM Press: Istanbul, 2024 (A. Camiz, ed.).
 - International workshop Theodosius' forum, Istanbul, 10-21 July, 2023 (A. Camiz)
 - Study day on urban morphology. Alfama e colina de Sao Jorge. Contribution from Univ. de Lisboa, Polit. di Bari, Univ. di Roma Tre. Lisbon, 26 June 2024 (M. Ieva, G. Strappa)
 - XXXIV Urban Culture Seminar, round table: The shape of the city, 30 July 2024 (M. Ieva)
 - Study day Il frammento e la lacuna. Il progetto del patrimonio costruito. (M. Maretto, P. Carlotti)
 - KAEBUP Business Model Workshop, 24-27 January 2023, Parma (M. Maretto)
 - Urban Morphology Talks, lectures cycle hold in Roma Tre, 2024 (G. Strappa)
- In continuity with the 2009 and 2016 meetings organised in Artimino by the Muratoriana School and inside the Kaebup European research program, the Third Study Meeting on Urban Form and Design will be organised as International research perspectives - 8-9 November 2024 Palazzo Cenci, Rome. (A. Camiz, M. Ieva).

Nordic Network of Urban Morphology (NoNum)

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Main activities of the network are run within cooperation research activities and student/staff mobility and exchange. Within the cooperation research urban modelling based urban form is implemented in two COST projects (SESA and SISC). In student and staff mobility urban transition towards resilient urban communities is implemented in a shared course, Studio III - Urban complexities. The course is run jointly BTH - ENAM (Blekinge institute of Technology, Sweden and Ecole Nationale d' Architecture de Marrakech, Morocco)

Information about the most significant activities and conferences:

Within the frame of the cooperation and exchange mentioned above the network has organised/participated to 4 workshops during these last 2 years (1 in Sweden, 1 in Zimbabwe, 1 in Kenya and 1 in Uganda). The joint course started in 2018 and it is now in its fourth version.

Other information deemed useful:

The department of Spatial Planning which hosts the network is partner of an university alliance including 8 other European universities which have been granted EU funds for joint curricula development, staff and students mobility and research. Expertise and learnings from the network is expected to contribute to the joint activities.

Polish Network of Urban Morphology (ISUFPOLSKA)

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Secretary: Łukasz Musiaka: musiaka@wp.pl

ISUFPolska activities:

Cooperation with Section of Urbanism of Committee of Architecture and Urbanism of Polish Academy of Sciences

Cooperation with Section of Urban Morphology, Commission of Urbanism and Architecture, Polish Academy of Sciences Krakow Branch

Online Seminar on Meanings in UM: *Organic versus defined City*, the 7th of December, 2023, key speakers:

assoc. prof. dr arch. Alessandro Camiz, Özyeğin University, İstanbul, Turcja

prof. DSc, PhD, Eng. Arch. Maciej Motak, Cracow University of Technology

Teaching examples (Małgorzata Hanzl, Anna Agata Kantarek)

A. A. Kantarek *Urban form and Urban Morphology Seminar* (in Polish) for PhD students of Doctoral School, Cracow University of Technology (15 h)

https://www.pk.edu.pl/images/szkola_doktorska/przedmioty/2022/en/AUS_Urban_Form_and_Urban_Morphology_2022.pdf

A. A. Kantarek *History of Contemporary Urban Design with elements of Urban Morphology* – lectures and seminar (in Polish) for students of the IInd degree of Spatial Management, specialization - Urban Design and Transport (30 h)

<http://syllabus.pk.edu.pl/plan/show/html.pk?id=4259>

M. Hanzl Lectures on City Architecture and Morphology - 5th semester of the BA arch (in Polish) course in Institute of Architecture and Town Planning Lodz University of Technology (30h)

<https://programy.p.lodz.pl/ectslabel>

web/przedmiot_4.jsp?l=pl&idPrzedmiotu=174919&pkId=1661&s=5&j=0&w=architektura&v=46

Individual scientific works examples (Łukasz Musiaka)

Chylińska D., Musiaka Ł., 2023, Museums in a time of a plague. The case of military museums in Poland, *Geography and Tourism*, Vol. 1, No 11.

Deptuła M., Figlus T., Musiaka Ł., 2023, Historyczne osiedla podłódzkie wzorowane na założeniach idei miast-ogrodów – geneza, przekształcenia morfologiczne i problemy rozwoju, [w:] Rykała A. (red.) *W kręgu geografii politycznej i dyscyplin „okolicznych”*

Musiaka Ł., Sudra P., Spórna T., Spadło K., 2023, Scenariusze odnowy małych miast. Wyzwania i problemy rewitalizacji wybranych ośrodków województwa warmińsko-mazurskiego. *Czasopismo Geograficzne*, 94(2):339–369. <https://doi.org/10.12657/czageo-94-15>

Schneeweiß J., Ibsen T., Haferberga (Visocka) V., Kittel P., Sikora J., Ginter A., Musiaka Ł., Kalińska E., Szmańda J., Vyazov L., Čakare A., Whitefield H., 2023, Research questions and approaches to fortifications on communication routes. The INHILLDAUGAR Project, *Lietuvos Archeologija*

Musiaka Ł. Grant research NCN: *MINIATURA 3*, pt.: Przemiany morfologiczne miast dawnych Prus Wschodnich po II wojnie światowej

Musiaka Ł. Grant research IDUB UŁ 2022-2024, temat: Modele przemian morfologicznych dużych miast dawnych Ziemi Odzyskanych po 1945 roku, w kontekście wyzwań współczesnej polityki przestrzennej

Portuguese-language Network of Urban Morphology (PNUM)

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Since 2012, PNUM has been characterized by studies related to Urban Morphology, with emphasis on the following themes: studies on the urban form in the countries involved, application for urban planning and cultural preservation, open space systems, space syntax, territory, challenges and future perspectives.

Information about the most significant activities and conferences

The PNUM is structured through several significant activities, namely:

- The organization of an annual conference that takes place annually - alternating between Portugal and Brazil.
- The offering of workshops for students both in Portugal and Brazil so that they may transfer knowledge and attract students to the conferences
- The online publication and continuous flow of articles in Portuguese in the *Revista de Morfologia Urbana*, issued in a similar format to the Urban Morphology journal

- Cycles of online presentations on recent themes developed by Portuguese and Brazilian researchers

Other information deemed useful:

-The 12th International Conference of PNUM, will take place from September 11 to the 13, 2024 in Belém - PA, Brazil. The theme will be: (Re)existing morphologies: Identities, experiences and process. 180 abstracts were approved for oral presentation with 127 researchers registered to give lectures.

-Revista de Morfologia Urbana:

Issue **12.1** (first half of 2024) contains: 5 articles in the Open Section, 11 in the Special Section including the best articles from Space Syntax 2024, 2 articles in the Perspectives section, 1 Review, 2 Reports (PNUM 2023 workshop and Space Syntax 2024), New Releases and News sections.

Issue 12.2 (second half of 2024), the following are expected:

05 articles being reviewed: 03 depending on the reviewers' response and 02 depending on review by the authors.

A Special Section is planned with the best articles from PNUM2024.

There is an intention to maintain the Perspectives, Reviews, Reports, Releases and News sections.

There is interest in promoting conferences with a special focus on encouraging the participation of researchers from African-speaking countries.

Finally, it should be noted that Vitor Pereira has been mainly responsible for organising these activities.

Serbian Network of Urban Morphology

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In previous year, activities of Serbian Network of Urban Morphology (SNUM) were focused on four major subjects:

ISUF2023 conference realization: Serbian research network successfully organized 30th ISUF conference titled *Praxis of Urban morphology*. The conference comprised of a total of 45 parallel sessions with 227 presentations involving 580 authors (220 present on site), with participants representing 43 countries. Conference included excursions and study trips before, during and after the conference aiming to present cultural specificity and diversity of Serbia, and presentation of SAJ journal special issue: *Regional perspectives on Urban morphology* with 16 contributions, edited by guest editor Ivor Samuels. The side events that did not come to light were Retrospective exhibition (for which only two networks have sent material, but SNUM is committed for organizing exhibition in the near future) and PhD Talks (1 submission – envisioned as a platform for doctoral students who are in the final stage of doctoral thesis development, since they were perceived as potential candidates for J.W.R. Whitehand award).

Post ISUF2023 publishing and editing activities:

- *Praxis of urban morphology : conference proceedings* published in two parts: Part 1 (online and printed consisted of several recommended papers by session chairs since publishing was funded by Ministry of Science, Technological Development, and Innovations of the Republic of Serbia), and Part 2 (online).

-The report on the conference published in the Urban Morphology journal (Djokić, V., Đorđević, A., Pešić, M., Milovanović, A., & Milojević, M. (2024). Thirtieth International Seminar on Urban Form, Belgrade, Serbia, 3–9 September 2022: 'Praxis of urban morphology'. Urban Morphology, 28(1), 95–99.)

All published material was promoted on the Week with Architecture at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Architecture during last week of September 2024.

Post ISUF2024 management activities:

Besides activities regarding financial management of the ISUF2023 conference revenue, on the suggestion of Tolga Unlu, ISUF2023 OC contacted the Director of Editorial Relations from the Web of Science for the possibility for indexing ISUF2023 conference proceedings. We still did not receive any answer upon submitting application form in May 2024. One of the potential problem could be that full papers did not go through double blind peer review process – only the abstracts which is listed as one of the criteria for indexing.

Research activities: MorphoLab Research unit has received a grant for the research project *Future heritage of spa settlements: Digital Platform for Advancing Knowledge and Innovation in Urban Morphology Approach for Environmentally-Sensitive Development in Serbia*, funded by Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia (2023-2026).

Turkish Network of Urban Morphology (TNUM)

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Key activities throughout the years of 2023 - 2024

- IV TNUM Symposium: IV TNUM Symposium: The fourth symposium of the Turkish Network of Urban Morphology was held between 31 May and 2 June 2023 in Konya, Türkiye. The symposium was organised by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of Konya Technical University and chaired by Mehmet Topçu on behalf of TNUM. The main theme of the symposium was ‘the evolution of urban morphology: from the past to the future, from theory to practice’. There were five sub-themes addressing the Turkish planning and architectural context and presenting a comprehensive overview of the state-of-the-art in Turkish urban morphological studies. These themes were ‘evolution of urban morphological research’, ‘social context in urban morphology’, ‘evolution of forms and spaces in regional, urban and architectural scale’, ‘conservation of cultural heritage, historic cities and contemporary design’, and ‘evolution of urban morphology in the face of changing conditions’. The symposium was characterized by the variety of presentations and its large number of participants. With the participation of 119 researchers from different backgrounds, 61 papers were presented. The participants were from a range of 37 Turkish universities from 22 cities of Türkiye.

Proceedings book: <https://tnum.org.tr/index.php/tnum/issue/view/4/20>

- V. TNUM Symposium: The fifth symposium of the Turkish Network of Urban will be held at Karadeniz Technical University in 2025 in Trabzon in the northern part of Türkiye.

- Morphology Talks which are mostly selected from PHD and postgraduate studies, are presented since 2022 to the Urban Morphologists and young researchers from Türkiye.

In the following some synthetic information about the Regional Networks in formation are reported:

Indian Network of Urban Morphology (INUM)

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The Indian Network of Urban Morphology (INUM) was formed as the regional chapter of ISUF in India with School of Planning and Architecture New Delhi (SPA ND) as the host institute. The objectives include research in 3 domains- i. Change in urban form in Indian cities, ii. Typo-morphological approach to the analysis of urban form, and iii. Assessment of urban form using modern technology (Drones and GIS). A launching program was held in August 2023 with focus on the third domain. Knowledge partners/ speakers were from major organisations pan India including SPA Bhopal, NITC, IIT Roorkee, IIRS, TCPO. The website of INUM was released and linked with main website of ISUF. The proceedings of the program were prepared and published online in it (as a flipbook with free access to all). More researchers in urban form from across India has subscribed to the website of ISUF India- INUM. Discussions are going on for further programmes on research on urban form.

The manuscript of Dr. Arathy Gopal is accepted for oral presentation in ISUF 2024 to be held in Brazil in September 2024, enabling further guidance on the way forward for the regional chapter to be given in person

Oceania Urban Morphology Network (OUMN)

Members of the Steering group:

- **Dr Alice Vialard (University of Sydney)**
- **A/Prof Mirko Guaralda (Queensland University of Technology)**
- **A/Prof Paul Osmond (University of New South Wales)**
- **Professor Paul Sanders (Deakin University)**
- **Dr Vuk Radovic (Curtin University)**
- **Dr Tanja Glusac (Curtin University)**
- **Professor Francesco Mancini Curtin University (interim Chair of the OUMN)**

The network has also invited the numerous academics to be OUMN steering group members:

Dr Kai Gu (Future Cities Research Lab- The University of Auckland).

OUMN is an ISUF Regional Network operating as an interinstitutional research cluster. It is not organised as a registered association, and the organised activities are self-sufficient or internally funded by the host institutions.

The Oceania Urban Morphology Network was established on the 20th of March 2024.

In the first meeting, held on the 20th of March 2024, OUMN proponents discussed possible forms of cooperation and shared contacts to expand the network further. They planned the first OUMN initiative, a half-day symposium, in preparation for the ISUF 2024. The seminar was held online and in person on the 14th of May 2024 and hosted six presentations and a short panel discussion amongst the presenters.

The OUMN Steering group will meet on the 9th of September 2024 before the 2024 ISUF Conference to:

- Elect the president, the secretary and the treasurer.
- Discuss the constitution/terms of reference.
- Following previous work done by Paul Sanders and Paul Osmond, in particular, we plan to produce a paper on the existing literature studying urban form in Australia and New Zealand.
- Discuss potential projects for next year, including annual workshops and master classes offered to local authorities and professionals who want to learn theoretical concepts and practical applications of Urban morphology.

North American Urban Morphology Network (NAUMN)

Scientific Committee

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Information about specific interest areas

- Process of formation and transformation of North American built environments including urban forms, town developments, suburban and rural patterns.
- Research exploring the notion of grid, pattern, and general layout of the different fabrics found in North America.
- Synthesis of what could be the specific “DNA” of USA / CANADA / MEXICO built environments.

Information about the most significant activities and conferences

- North American Urban Morphology Network (NAUMN) research workshop, Montréal, CANADA (1-2 June 2024) at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)

A first in-person meeting of the North American Urban Morphology Network (NAUMN) was held in Montréal, Canada between the 1st and 2nd of June 2024. The workshop brought together researchers in geography, urban planning, and architecture from Canada (Racine, F.; Gauthier, P.; Dufaux, F.; and Hess, P.), the USA (Ryan, B.D. and Scheer, B.), and Mexico (Herrera, S.H.). This in-person formalized the creation of the North American Urban Morphology Network (NAUMN) as a regional branch associated with the International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF) while offering the opportunity to discuss research relevant in that continental context. An exchange was held on the place of the field of urban morphology in the respective departments or university of the participants (school of architecture, of urban planning and design, of geography, etc.). A presentation took also place on the individual research done exploring the notion of grid, pattern, and general layout of the different fabrics found in North America. A discussion of the ways in which we can build the links of the findings emerge with the base of Michael Conzen’s article on Morphological permanency and change in contemporary American Cities (Conzen, 2022). The event ended on a visit of Old Montréal.

Any other information deemed useful:

A scientific committee has been created to support research objectives, including organizing an annual even. Workshops in Boston (2025) and Mexico (2026) are in the work.