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I. THEMES FOR FUTURE ISSUES

Climate change and cities: We plan to include a section on this theme in all future issues. We welcome the submission of papers on, for instance:

- Assessing and mapping risk and vulnerability in particular cities.
- Adapting urban centres to climate change, especially the role of community-based adaptation and the role of local governments.
- City-based greenhouse gas emissions inventories and what these imply for action.
- What are the co-benefits between adaptation and development, and adaptation and mitigation?
- Addressing water stress and scarcity in urban development.
- Community and city-based strategies to reduce risk from heat waves.
- Lessons for climate change adaptation from disaster risk reduction.

October 2010: Youth in the city. The deadline for submissions has now passed.

April 2011: Health and the city. Deadline for submissions: 15 September 2010.

Environment and Urbanization will be teaming up with the *Journal of Urban Health* for special issues on health and the city. We welcome the submission of papers on, for instance:

- Case studies of health problems for particular settlements or population groups or urban centres.
- Initiatives that have addressed urban health problems, especially for low-income groups and those living in informal settlements.
- Integrating environmental health and health care initiatives.
- Addressing well-being as well as health burdens.
- Social and economic initiatives with health benefits.
- Addressing new health threats associated with climate change.

October 2011: Disaster risk reduction in urban areas. Deadline for submissions: 15 March 2011

For this issue, there is particular interest in community-led and local government-led measures to identify risk and vulnerability to disasters, and action to reduce these. This includes measures that remove or reduce the risk and measures that reduce the impact of disasters when they occur. This also includes post-disaster reconstruction that serves and supports the survivors and builds their resilience to disasters. We also encourage submissions that seek a more detailed understanding of disaster risk in urban areas, including an understanding of the number, scale and impact of “disasters” that are not recorded as such. Also how disaster risk and vulnerability are influenced by urban contexts and urban policies and practices.

We had planned to develop a web-based questionnaire available to all readers during 2009 but this will be available during 2010 as part of a new website that will include regular news updates about the journal and that will encourage and facilitate more reader interaction. The questionnaire will form part of this – and readers’ responses will influence the choice of themes for *Environment and Urbanization* for 2012 and beyond.

II. THE NEW WEBSITE FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROJECT

The Municipal Services Project is an inter-sectoral and inter-regional research project that explores alternatives to the privatization and commercialization of service

provision in the health, water, sanitation and electricity sectors. Having spent the first two phases of the project (2000–2007) critiquing privatization, the current phase (2008–2013) will analyze service delivery models that are successful alternatives to commercialization in an effort to better understand the conditions required for their sustainability and reproducibility. The focus is on the water, electricity and primary health care sectors in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The project is composed of academic, labour, NGO and social movement partners from around the world.

This project has launched a new website: www.municipalservicesproject.org. The site features a diversity of publications and materials, from academic journal articles to video and audio documentaries. The interactive map allows visitors to see what's happening in the world of alternatives, and the events listing will keep you up to date on engaging conferences, workshops and meetings. The website can be accessed in both English and Spanish. There is an invitation to become a member (www.municipalservicesproject.org/user/register) and to access all of the interactive features of the website, including adding your own publications and research material and creating links to your own organizations.

III. ENVIRONMENT AND URBANIZATION ASIA

During 2010, Sage Publications India are launching a sister journal to *Environment and Urbanization* called *Environment and Urbanization Asia*, edited by Om Prakash Mathur. It is entirely appropriate that Asia, which has around half the world's urban population, should have its own dedicated journal, produced in India. For more details, see <http://www.sagepub.in/browse/JournalGeneral.asp>.

The first issue of the journal will include the following papers:

The further integration of the Pearl River Delta: a new beginning of reform – *Yue-man Yeung*

The contribution of cities to global warming and their potential contribution to solutions – *David Satterthwaite*

Globalization, mega-projects and the environment: urban form and water in Jakarta – *Mike Douglass*

Sustainable urban development? An analysis of fuel innovation in the auto-rickshaw sector in Bangalore and Hyderabad – *I S A Baud, J R Bokhorst, T J C van de Loo, J G J Quaedvlieg, J V Rothuizen and B A W Tulleners*

The challenge of urban redevelopment in disaster-affected communities – *Nathaniel von Einsiedel and Amillah S Rodil*

Urbanization and local governance challenges in Pakistan – *Murtaza Haider and Madhav G Badami*

The first issue of the journal will also include Book Notes and a Book Review section.

IV. DISCOUNTED PRICES FOR ENVIRONMENT AND URBANIZATION

The publisher of *Environment and Urbanization*, Sage Publications, offers large discounts on subscription prices to charities and students and to all subscribers from low- and middle-income nations.

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