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PROMETHEUS: JOURNAL OF THE PHD PROGRAM IN ARCHITECTURE

Why Prometheus?

Prometheus is a peer-reviewed journal that presents research-inprogress developed for the annual student-run symposium organized by the PhD Program of the College of Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology. Each year, PhD students are selected to serve as editors of the journal. The research featured in each issue is produced primarily by PhD students from IIT and universities all over the world who participated in the annual symposium. It utilizes different methodologies to explore questions related to architecture and engineering, as well as allied disciplines such as design, landscape architecture, and urbanism. Additionally, each issue of *Prometheus* includes an annual overview of the academic accomplishments of our PhD students, plus related activities ranging from our weekly Architecture Research Forum lectures to social events aimed at fostering community.

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Michelangelo Sabatino, PhD, Director of the PhD Program, Professor and former Dean College of Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology Why did we select Prometheus as the symbol and masthead of our journal? He was the irreverent Titan who stole fire to pave the way for the advancement of humankind. From our vantage point in Chicago, we understand that fire is both a tool for destruction and creation. The Great Fire of 1871 leveled the city and provided Daniel H. Burnham and Edward H. Bennett with a reason to devise the Plan of Chicago (1909). Without the fire of modern blast furnaces, the steel girders and supporting beams in our Ludwig Mies van der Rohedesigned S. R. Crown Hall would not have been possible.

As a College of Architecture within a science and technology-rich university, our faculty and PhD students are committed to fostering an environment of interdisciplinary inquiry. Since the early 1940s, research with real-world applications has been produced by our Master of Science Program graduates. Our PhD Program in Architecture was established in the late 1990s as a continuation of the research conducted by MS students in collaboration with faculty. In the intervening years, we have trained researchers who have made significant contributions within academia and in practice across the globe.

We hope *Prometheus* will serve as a platform for emerging researchers who, like the symbol and masthead of this journal, take risks that lead to game-changing innovation at the service of humankind.

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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

Cities are responsible for significant amounts of energy-related carbon emissions worldwide. With population growth, uneven expansion of urban areas, and climate change, pursuing environmental sustainability through reducing energy consumption and associated emissions in cities is a global priority. Today, cities represent the biggest challenges—and opportunities—to achieve sustainable development. Research on contemporary architecture and urbanism with a focus on sustainability is a critical way to enhance environmental performance and develop low-carbon cities. The articles included in this third issue of Prometheus explore the theme of Buildings, Cities, and Performance, and focus on a broad range of sustainability-related topics that engage emerging researchers and graduate students in dialogue addressing the gaps and future trends of energy performance research within an urban context. The theme was chosen to interrogate the deployment of architecture and planning with scaling-up environmental awareness and sustainability as a guiding principle which indeed reflects the Prometheus name-symbolizing risk, foresight, and savior-through taking steps to advance methods to understand the risks posed by climate change, project energy/environmental performance of cities, and ultimately contribute in promoting global sustainability.

The articles included in this volume were presented at the 3rd International Graduate Student Symposium of the PhD Program in Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), in November 2018, which brought together researchers and graduate students to contribute, discuss, and collaborate on how to transition to more sustainable cities, and how to explore ways to reduce energy consumption and associated emissions. This volume contains novel research contributions in the academic field of sustainable architecture and technologies of the built environment, particularly projecting energy performance of buildings as the largest contributors to urban energy use and emissions. Over 60 researchers with different disciplinary backgrounds, including architecture, engineering, urban design, and planning, contributed to this publication. The volume is structured in four parts based on thematically grouped articles: 1) Urban Environmental Performance; 2) Urban and Building Performance: Comfort, Environmental Indoor Quality, and Energy; 3) Materials, Systems, and Building Performance; and 4) Climate, Design, and Performance. The articles highlight theoretical, methodological, modeling, and empirical studies on building and urban environmental quality, energy, air pollution, and life cycle assessment.

The dominant themes that united the papers focus on developing data-driven and simulation-based frameworks, and methodologies for measuring and understanding the performance of buildings and cities. My paper proposes an integrated data-driven framework for urban energy use modeling that aims to provide a holistic image of urban energy use at multiple scales and aggregate across end-uses. With considering urban socio-spatial context, it gives insight on the multifaceted and intricate relationships between urban attributes, and building and transport energy performance. In another article, Surekha Tetali and Nina Baird present a method for projecting urban heat island conditions in several densely populated Indian cities using remote sensing data and discuss how to mitigate heat island effects through effective built environment design principles. Sokratis Papadopoulos and Constantine Kontokosta open up the issue of building energy benchmarking as a significant approach for understanding and improving the energy performance of existing buildings across the city and showing how ENERGY STAR® models trained on nationwide samples can be flawed and are not generalizable to city-specific cases. They propose a conceptual model for future building energy benchmarking by contextualizing statistical analysis and using local data sources. In another study, Mehdi Ashayeri proposes a framework for

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Narjes Abbasabadi Illinois Institute of Technology predicting indoor air quality and energy consumption of naturally ventilated urban buildings through applying a hybrid data-driven and simulation-based approach. Another study by Irmak Turan and Christoph Reinhart present a simulation-based framework for assessing visual connectivity within an open plan office to better understand the occupant's visual experience through quantitative means.

To sum up, the articles included in this volume demonstrate the need for developing methods and tools for quantifying performance from a multi-dimensional perspective and analyze the sustainability of the built environment by exploring the different design and planning approaches using various case studies. Most of the articles highlight the importance of contextualized methodologies corresponding to local characteristics and shed light on responsive strategies to increase the performance of cities compatible with nature and human health.

Acknowledgments

The symposium featured presenters from Carnegie Mellon, CEPT University, Chongqing University, Drexel University, GRIHA Council, IIT, Iowa State University, MIT, New York University, Penn State, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of Biskra, University of Catania, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Florida, University of Pittsburgh, University of Washington, and the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). In addition to paper presentations, this symposium included four keynote speeches: Cities for the Millennials—Design Tools in Support of Sustainable Urban Architecture by Dr. Christoph Reinhart, Professor and Director of Building Technology Program at MIT; Architecture in a Warming World by Norbert Lechner, Professor Emeritus at Auburn University; Low Entropy, Smart, and Healthy Cities by Dr. Stephen Ray, Assistant Professor and Director of Sustainability at North Park University; and Shaping Future Cities to be Smart, Sustainable, and Resilient by Dr. Sybil Derrible, Director of Complex and Sustainable Urban Networks Lab at the University of Illinois at Chicago. We concluded the symposium's presentations, critical review, debate, and networking with an exciting dinner at the Tadao Ando-designed exhibition space at Wrightwood 659 in Chicago.

I would like to thank all who made this symposium and publication possible. First, I would like to thank Dean Michelangelo Sabatino for initiating and supporting the annual IIT PhD students symposium and establishing the Prometheus journal. I would also like to thank him for supporting the symposium and the journal financially with the John Vinci Distinguished Research Fellowship. I am also grateful for the support of our sponsors in organizing the symposium: Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research (WISER) and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM). I would like to thank Dr. Rahman Azari for helping in organizing the symposium. I want to particularly thank the scientific committee, as well as Kevin Harrington (IIT) for guiding the tour and giving the introduction about the IIT campus. Finally, I would like to express appreciation to all the researchers and PhD students who submitted papers and attended the symposium, as well as my fellow PhD students at IIT for their efforts and their support, especially: PhD Candidates Marcos Petroli, Mehdi Ashayeri, and Zahida Khan. I would like to thank Dr. Dan Whittaker, PhD alumnus, for organizing and supporting the evening dinner. Because it is a very important future research need, the topic of the 2019–20 symposium will remain as the dominant theme-Buildings, Cities, and Performance-with a focus on simulation-based and data-driven approaches as identified in the previous year's symposium. I'm looking forward to receiving your contributions.

SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW

Buildings, Cities, and Performance: November 16-17, 2018

Cities account for a significant portion of global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, due to population growth and urbanization. With major contributions to energy demand and carbon emissions in cities, building-related urban energy use should be the foundation of local and global agendas to meet carbon reduction targets. The 3rd International Graduate Student Symposium that is hosted by the PhD Program at IIT Architecture will explore the theme of "Buildings, Cities, and Performance." The symposium provides a platform to engage in and enhance the dialogue around future trends of energy performance research in the building sector within an urban context. The symposium highlights graduate student contributions in architecture, engineering, urban design and planning, landscape architecture, and other related disciplines.

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NOVEMBER 16: OPENING, LOWER CORE, S.R. CROWN HALL

Introduction and Welcome: Rahman Azari, PhD; Peter Kilpatrick, PhD, Provost; Michelangelo Sabatino, PhD, Dean of the College of Architecture *Illinois Institute of Technology* **Keynote: MIT Cities for the Millennials—Design Tools in Support of Sustainable Urban Architecture** Christoph Reinhart, PhD, Professor and Director of Building Technology Program *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* **Reception and Holiday Gospel Concert** Upper Center Core

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Urban Environmental Performance

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A Framework for Performance-Based Facade Design for Optimizing Energy, Comfort, and Cost Mahsa Minaei and Ajla Aksamija University of Massachusetts Amherst

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Interaction of Chilled Beam Flows and its Impact on Air Circulation and Thermal Comfort in Buildings Nikhilesh Ghanta, Barry Coflan, and Leon Glicksman Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Sybil Derrible, PhD, Director of Complex and Sustainable Urban Networks Lab *University of Illinois at Chicago*

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