
Announcement for the “14th Symposium on Disaster Mitigation of Cultural Heritage and Historical Cities” and Call for Presentation Papers

Date: ~~July 18, 2020 (Sat)~~ → ~~Postponed till TBD~~ → **December 5, 2020 (Sat) Held Online**

Deadline for Paper Submissions: ~~April 20, 2020 (Mon)~~ → **May 18, 2020 (Mon)**

Notice of Review Results: ~~June 1, 2020 (Mon)~~ → **June 29, 2020 (Mon)**

Deadline for Final Papers: ~~June 15, 2020 (Mon)~~ → **July 13, 2020 (Mon)**



Challenges in protecting cultural heritage sites and historical cities from natural and man-made disasters still require immediate attentions and ideas for the resolutions. This year, the Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University will once again host the “Symposium on Disaster Mitigation of Cultural Heritage and Historical Cities” and hold debates pertaining to disaster mitigation for cultural heritage sites and historical cities.

We are soliciting both refereed papers and non-refereed reports in accordance with the guidelines below and welcome your submissions.

1. Host Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University
 2. Symposium Date/Time ~~July 18, 2020 (Sat) 9:30-18:00 (tentatively scheduled)~~ ~~Postponed till TBD~~ → **December 5, 2020 (Sat) Held online***The symposium will be conducted in Japanese.
 3. Location ~~Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University (scheduled)~~ → **Held online (ZOOM scheduled)**
 4. Participation/Submission Fee Free
 5. Topics Solicited
New papers and reports pertaining to research and case studies on protecting cultural heritage sites and historical cities from natural and man-made disasters: 1) Disaster mitigation technology for cultural heritage sites, 2) Historical disasters and disaster reduction knowledge, 3) Disaster mitigation plans for historical cities, 4) Man-made and animal damage to cultural heritage sites, 5) Policies for the continuance and preservation of historical cities and cultural heritage sites, and 6) International cooperation and outreach regarding disaster mitigation at cultural heritage sites.
 6. Submission Guidelines
Refer to our homepage (<http://www.r-dmuch.jp>).
One submission shall be 4-8 pages (however, total shall be even-numbered), and the final copy of the manuscript shall be offset printed on A4-sized paper.
 7. Deadline ~~April 20, 2020 (Mon)~~ → **May 18, 2020 (Mon)** → **Submission has been closed**
 8. Refereed Papers and Reports
This symposium seeks academic research articles, investigations, and case study reports.
“Papers” shall be reviewed by two referees who will examine them from the standpoints of novelty, utility, quality and reliability. Submitters may be asked to provide revisions regarding any questions or unclear points found during the review process. The result of the judgment will be notified around ~~June 1, 2020 (Mon)~~ → **June 29, 2020 (Mon)**. You may receive the request of revisions and comments as well.
“Reports” shall not be reviewed, but we will check the topic, format, etc. and may request revisions.
We may refuse your presentation and publication in case your paper or report does not suit solicitation topics and formats excessively deviate from the assigned one.
 9. Deadline for Final Papers ~~June 15, 2020 (Mon)~~ → **July 13, 2020 (Mon)** → **Submission has been closed**
Send completed manuscripts (with the requested revisions appropriately made) via postal or electronic mail by the deadline.
 10. Program/Participating Application
~~The DATE when the Symposium will be held is to be decided.~~ → **Held online**
Outline of the program and information for participating application are scheduled to be posted on the Institute website **on or after November 10, 2020 (Tue)**
Presentations are scheduled for ten minutes per session.
 11. Manuscript Submission Address/Inquiries
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