

CyNUM

CYPRUS NETWORK OF URBAN MORPHOLOGY

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Founded in 2015 – after 22nd ISUF International Conference, Rome

- *to promote research on the urban form of Cypriot cities and to support its dissemination both throughout the island of Cyprus and abroad*

A *bi-communal platform* for knowledge exchange and networking among researchers in the field of urban studies who have a specific interest in Cyprus and the wider Eastern Mediterranean region

Aims to act as a *first point of contact* and information for researchers interested in Cypriot cities

SPEECH NOTES:

A SPECIAL NETWORK ON A SMALL ISLAND

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO KAI, VITOR & TOLGA FOR THEIR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

FOLLOWING A VERY SIMILAR ROUTE AS THE PNUM & ISUF TURKEY

ALMOST NO BUDGET – ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED SOMEHOW BY UNIVERSITIES WITHOUT THEIR AFFILIATION

CyNUM EVENTS

May 2016 – April 2017

Launching Seminar – 26 May 2016

General Assembly – 21 October 2016

Seminar Series 1 – 9 December 2016

Seminar Series 2 – 25 April 2017

Launching Seminar

26 May 2016

Introductory presentations:

Sebnem Hoskara (CyNUM)

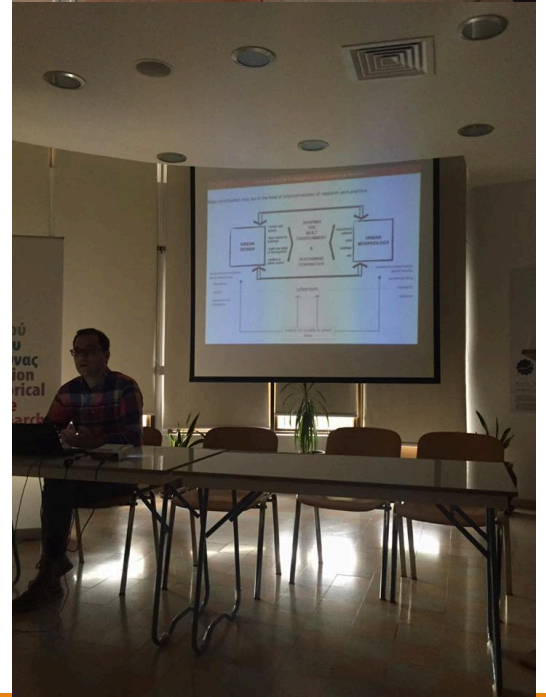
Alessandro Camiz (Research Director AHDR, ISUF ITALY)

Nadia Charalambous (CyNUM)

Lectures:

Vitor Oliveira (Universidade do Porto, Portuguese Network of Urban Morphology) *Learning from the experience of the Portuguese-language Network of Urban Morphology*

Tolga Ünlü (Mersin University, Turkish Network of Urban Morphology) *The role of TNUM (Turkish Network of Urban Morphology) to strengthen morphological research*



General Assembly

21 October 2016

Approval of ***CyNUM Constitution***

Election of the ***CyNUM Council***



CONSTITUTION OF THE CYPRUS NETWORK OF URBAN MORPHOLOGY (CyNUM)

October 2016

1. Designation

The name of the group is Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology (CyNUM).

2. Objectives

The objectives of the group are:

- a. To promote and develop the subject of urban form in Cyprus and within the region.
- b. To encourage research on urban form and the dissemination of research findings internationally and between disciplines.
- c. To establish and develop, also with other Mediterranean countries, a research network in the field of urban morphology, through the organization of meetings, seminars, conferences, workshops, a web-site, a newsletter in short-term, and publication of a journal in the long run.
- d. To develop links with other organizations (universities, NGOs, research centers, etc.) concerned with the built environment, in Cyprus (both in the south and the north) and in other Mediterranean countries.
- e. To establish a privileged relationship with the International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF), through collaboration on ISUF initiatives on the debate and promotion of urban morphology.
- f. To develop and broaden collaborative studies on urban form at the national and international level, in particular across the Mediterranean area, through co-operation with researchers in different fields of knowledge and different institutions, as well as other regional ISUF networks and the central body of ISUF itself.

3. Membership

Membership of the group is open to individual researchers and institutions supporting its objectives. A balance in terms of disciplinary approaches, representation of the Universities, research centers and NGOs in Cyprus (both in the south and the north), and the participation of different generations of researchers, should be promoted.

4. Group organization

The group should be organized around Co-Presidents and a Council composed by five members: one Secretary, one Treasurer and three Councilors.

The Council should be elected by the General Assembly every two years. The Co-Presidents and Council Members can serve in the Council for a maximum of two terms (a total of four years).

Besides promoting the study of urban form at the national level, the co-Presidents and the Council should promote the collaboration with the International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF).

5. Finance

The income of the group should result from the annual membership by individual or institutional members; sponsorships; donations by members and friends of the Association and Partner Organizations; the income from research funding and grants; the income from publications of the association.

The fees for membership shall be based on the decision of the Council and could be subject to change every two years.

This income should be managed by the Treasurer.

A statement of the group's accounts and plan of activities shall be presented to members annually in the General Assembly.

6. Newsletter

The Newsletter should be published twice a year.

7. Constitution

The Council shall have authority to amend the Constitution upon the proposal of the majority.



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Seminar Series 1

9 December 2016

Introductory presentation:

Nadia Charalambous (University of Cyprus)

Ilaria Geddes (University of Cyprus) *Shifting centres and fragmenting structures: spatial trends in the evolution of the Cypriot urban form*

Nevter Zafer Cömert, (Eastern Mediterranean University) *Typo-morphological assessment of Famagusta old town*



Seminar Series 2

25 April 2017

Introductory presentation:

Nevter Zafer Cömert, (Eastern Mediterranean University)



Lectures:

Laura Vaughan (University College London) *Street patterns of ethnic diversity in London's super-diverse high streets*

Fatih Rifki (Montana State University) *Testing the Alexander's Pattern Language Theory using the elements of Image of the City in five Italian piazzas to derive lessons for American public urban open space design*

Vitor Oliveira (University of Porto) *From reading to design*



Additional CyNUM ACTIVITIES

May 2016 – April 2017

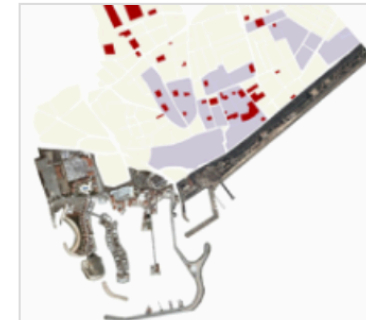
Web page

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The Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology (CyNUM)

NEWS: We are delighted to announce that the **1st CyNUM Regional Conference** will take place from **16th to 18th May 2018** at **Ledra Palace, Nicosia, Cyprus**. The event will run in parallel with AESOP Thematic Group for Public Spaces and Urban Cultures (AESOP TG PSUC) meeting. The call for papers and further information are available at <http://cyprusconferences.org/cynum2018>

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Newsletter June 2017



Welcome!

Dear CyNUM Members,

welcome to our quarterly newsletter. Apologies if it took us some time to set this up - we hope that you are all well and have kept up to date with the network's activities through the web site and the facebook page. We wanted to give you an update on the past year's activities and future plans for the network ahead of the summer holiday.

Please, note that this newsletter is intended for members only and contains confidential information which should not be shared outside of the CyNUM Council and Members community.

Feel free to get in touch with members of the Council at any time if you wish for any topic to be discussed at Council meetings, if you want further information about any of the topics below, and if you wish to present at or have suggestions for future events.

We wish you a restful summer and hope to see you soon in the Fall Semester.

The CyNUM Team.



Events

We have held two successful events over the past academic year, one in December 2016 and a second one in April 2017 with a very good turn-out despite the constraints on dates and times posed by venue availability within the buffer zone.

Our Co-President Nevter Zafer Cömert unfortunately suffered an injury, which meant that we had to postpone the planned seminar in collaboration with the SHCAD. She is recovering well and the seminar will be rescheduled as soon as possible in the autumn.

We plan to hold the third CyNUM seminar in December 2017.

Regional and International Conference

We are planning to hold a first CyNUM regional conference on 16-18 May 2018 combined with an AESOP Network Event. We are currently working on securing venues within the buffer zone and



2 Reports for ISUF to be published *Urban Morphology*

2 Research Papers in progress to be sent to / published in *Urban Morphology*

Application for a Stellios award in Cyprus

Regional Conference

1st CyNUM Regional Conference

16th to 18th May 2018

Ledra Palace, Nicosia, Cyprus

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Urban Morphology in South-Eastern Mediterranean Cities: challenges and opportunities

The Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology will host its first regional conference in Nicosia, Cyprus. The conference aims to address current issues related to urban form from an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspective, while engaging a variety of actors and stakeholders. The purpose of this conference, organized in parallel to the AESOP Thematic Group for Public Spaces and Urban Cultures (AESOP TG PSUC) meeting, is to unfold themes related to South-Eastern Mediterranean cities within the local context of Nicosia.

Theme. Over the past few decades, South-Eastern Mediterranean cities have become radically altered in the sense of scale, scope and complexity as a result of globalization, increased mobility at all levels, massive internal movements of labour, climate change, technological developments, economic fluctuations, unemployment and urban conflicts. Migration flows as well as internal displacements and the movement of refugees, demographic, spatial and socio-cultural changes have had profound consequences on city life and have created an increasingly diverse and continuously transformed urban population. Contemporary everyday life is, in these parts of the world, characterized by diverse manifestations of instability which continuously challenge and redefine everyday patterns of living and cities' infrastructures and urban form.

Nicosia, the last divided capital of Europe, with a prolonged history of conflict, internal refugees' displacements, migration and tourists' flows, economic fluctuations and rapid, often abrupt urban transformations serves as an ideal laboratory to explore, unravel, and question urban form development in contexts of uncertainty and contestation. It is a city of contrasts in terms of its spatial, social, cultural and economic composition. The location of Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean offers a unique venue at the confluence of three continents and a multitude of cultures that face unique urban challenges. In a region of intense conflict, Cyprus offers a common ground for bringing people together in a neutral venue and it has acted thus numerous times in its past. The island is currently dealing with urban issues related to the movement of refugees and other transient populations in the region and to the influx of foreign investors, seeking luxury housing in its coastal cities. While increasing populations from Europe and beyond continue to settle in the island, Cyprus is also now facing a renewed need to provide housing for local people facing challenges due to the recent economic crisis. Cities' urban development and sustainability have thus been central in the local and national agendas, providing a unique opportunity for urban morphology research and scientific knowledge to contribute towards this end.

CyNUM's 1st regional conference aims at establishing a common platform to promote and develop the subject of urban form in Cyprus and within the Mediterranean region. Through different perspectives, the CyNUM conference aims to address the role of urban form in relation to the sudden and sometimes recurring dynamics that affect everyday urban

Important Dates

- **August 28th, 2017**
Call for papers
- **November 19th, 2017**
Abstract submission
- **December 17th, 2017**
Acceptance notification
- **February 18th, 2018**
Author registration and payment
- **March 18th, 2018**
Full paper submission
- **TBA**
Publication of proceedings

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Latest News

September 11th, 2017
Abstract submission is now open

Application for hosting ISUF 2019 in Cyprus

(approved)

FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES of CyNUM

October 2017 – September 2019

Seminar Series

Newsletter

Publication of Research Papers

Setting up Research Groups on Urban Morphology of Cypriot Settlements

Improving communication & collaboration with other ISUF Networks through workshops and/or joint research projects

16-18 May 2018 – Regional Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus

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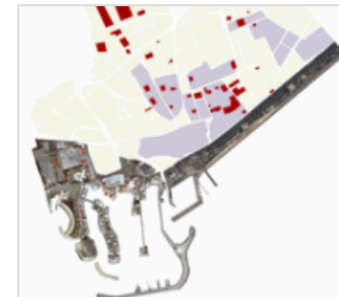
June 2019 – 26th ISUF International Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus

Cities as Assemblages

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Valencia, 26-30 September, 2017

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