6th International Alvar Aalto Meeting on Contemporary Architecture – Technology and Humanism
14–15 September 2017, Seinäjoki, Finland

The 6th International Alvar Aalto Meeting on Contemporary Architecture – Technology and Humanism, is to be held in Seinäjoki, Finland, 14-15 September 2017.

The seminar is arranged by the Alvar Aalto Academy in collaboration with the City of Seinäjoki. The event is part of the Alvar Aalto Week, which will take place in Seinäjoki, Finland, 13-17 September 2017.

More information online at www.alvaraalto.fi/alvaraaltoviikko.

Call for Papers & Call for Innovations

Alvar Aalto Academy invites researchers, architects, designers, educators, practitioners, students and entrepreneurs to investigate on the theme: Technology and humanism.

We live in an unprecedented era of technological innovations. At the same time, we are undergoing significant demographic, social and cultural changes. Both issues have an important impact on the built environment and its characteristics. In this seminar, we are looking for contributions that pay attention on the relationship between evolving technology and changing premises for human well-being within the context of built environment.

We welcome proposals from a variety of disciplines and perspectives including architecture, urban design and planning, industrial design, engineering, information technology, media and communication studies, social sciences and humanities. The seminar provides an opportunity to present both up-to-date research papers as well as innovative case studies from different fields of activity in a stimulating and scholarly atmosphere.

Alvar Aalto Academy is accepting proposals for the 6th International Alvar Aalto Meeting on Contemporary Architecture – Technology And Humanism, 15-16 September 2017, Seinäjoki, Finland. Two different categories: Call for Papers and Call for Innovations are open from 3 April-31 May 2017.

The seminar program includes keynote speeches and presentations based on selected and peer-reviewed papers and innovations. All submissions will be considered for selection by the Editorial
Board to ensure their quality of exposition and relevance. The number of accepted proposals will be limited. All accepted full papers and innovation presentations will be published with the author’s permission by Alvar Aalto academy.

**Call for Papers**

Call for Papers is meant for research proposals from a variety of research fields focusing on the theme of the seminar and in the context of built environment. Suggested themes for the paper may include, but are not limited to:

- ecological solutions
- smart cities, communities and living
- energy and resource efficiency and local energy production
- building technologies including new materials and processes
- new patterns of mobility and their impact on urban design
- healthcare and welfare solutions
- impact of ICT to living and working
- use of virtual reality, simulations and BIM
- parametric design
- participatory design, co-design

**Submission guidelines for Call for Papers**

Please submit your abstract according to the following requirements:

1. Abstract (500 words maximum). The abstract should define the subject and summarize the argument to be presented in the proposed paper.
2. Author’s biography and photograph. (200 words max.)
3. Author’s information (name, university/company/organization, address, country, telephone number, e-mail address).
4. Final paper (3,000–5,000 words including footnotes or endnotes, and up to 10 illustrations).

All documents must be saved as text files (such as, .doc, .docx, .txt, .rtf) and be e-mailed, according to the schedule, to academy@alvaraalto.fi.

**Call for Innovations**

Call for Innovations is meant for proposals, which present new innovations, interesting design, or experimental real-world cases focusing on the theme of the seminar and in the context of built environment. We are looking for projects that provide new insights and ideas to our topic. The presentations can be research-based case studies or they can be inspiring design concepts, services, or commercial innovations without constrains of traditional academic guidelines. Suggested themes for the proposals can be the same as for Call for Papers.

**Submission guidelines for Call for Innovations**

Please submit your proposal according to the following requirements:

1. Explanatory text (500 words maximum). The text should express the basic idea of the proposal and how it is linked to the topic of the seminar.
2. Pictures or other supplementary graphic material. (5 pages maximum with the text).
3. Author’s biography and photograph. (200 words max.)
4. Author’s information (name, university/company/organization, address, country, telephone number, e-mail address).
5. Final presentation format will be discussed individually after notification of acceptance.

All documents must be saved as pdf files. Explanatory text also as a text file (such as, .doc, .docx, .txt, .rtf) and be e-mailed, according to the schedule, to academy@alvaraalto.fi.

**Schedule**

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<td>3 April-31 May 2017</td>
<td>Call for papers and Call for Innovations</td>
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<td>31 May 2017</td>
<td>Deadline for proposals (papers and innovations)</td>
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<td>1 June-15 September 2017</td>
<td>Registration of the seminar</td>
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<td>15 June 2017</td>
<td>Notification of acceptance of abstracts</td>
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<td>31 July 2017</td>
<td>Deadline for final papers (The Committee may require some rewriting of a paper to bring it up to an acceptable standard)</td>
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<td>31 August 2017</td>
<td>Submission of revised papers (if requested by the committee)</td>
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<td>14-15 September 2017</td>
<td>Presentation of the papers at the seminar</td>
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Alvar Aalto Academy looks forward to receiving applications in response to the call, and is happy to respond to inquiries from interested parties. Questions may be sent by e-mail to academy@alvaraalto.fi.

**Note! – Research workspace available**

Alvar Aalto Academy is offering a research workspace for one researcher preparing a paper for the seminar at the Aalto Studio in Helsinki. The workspace is available from 15 May 2017 until the seminar 14 September 2017. The researcher selected will be awarded a grant of €1500 by the Alvar Aalto Foundation.

Applicants are asked to provide the following information:

1. A letter containing a short description of why the applicant believes to be a suitable and good candidate for the research workspace.
2. Timetable for working in Aalto studio.
3. A curriculum vitae or list of merits, unless the essential merits are mentioned in the author’s biography.
4. A list of publications.
5. Any other documents, which the applicant considers relevant in the selection process.

The required documents in text file (such as, .doc, .docx, .txt, .rtf) should be sent latest by 30 April 2017 by e-mail to academy@alvaraalto.fi. The applicants are welcome to have a look at the workspace at Aalto Studio (address: Tiilimäki 20, FI-00330 Helsinki, Finland) prior to applying. For a visit, please send an inquiry to academy@alvaraalto.fi.
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Registration fees
All participants must pay a registration fee. The fee will cover registration for the seminar, coffee served during 14-15 September 2017, an evening party on 14 September 2017, and VAT.

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<td>Full registration</td>
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<td>One day registration</td>
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<td>Student (undergraduate)</td>
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Programme

| Thu. 14 Sep 2017    | 10:30–12:00 | Registration for the seminar |
|                    | 12:00–17:00 | Seminar programme, day 1    |
|                    | 19:00–22:00 | Evening party               |
| Fri. 15 Sep 2017    | 10:30–15:00 | Seminar programme, day 2    |
|                    | 15:00–17:00 | Public seminar programme    |

The organizers reserve the right to alter the programme.

Further Information

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