## New directions for research on Cities, Spaces and Societies

Association for Urban Creativity: 2nd Annual Conference, King's College London Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st 2013

The Association of Urban Creativity, in association with City, Culture and Society, King's College London, announce the second annual conference.

The theme is <u>New directions</u> for research on <u>Cities</u>, <u>Spaces</u> and <u>Societies</u>. The objective of this conference is to look to new and emerging agendas in work on cities, culture and creativity. We welcome work that focuses on any part of the world; we especially welcome work that asks critical questions of normative approaches, and work that deals with cities beyond North American/European. We invite papers from a wide disciplinary field; multiple foci on our object of interest is welcomed

Our aim is to be inclusive as possible, and we are keen to give a platform for younger researchers as well as more established ones. We will have a competitive bursary for a early career research (to cover travel and accommodation costs). More details of this to follow. Overall the conference will be free registration, due to the generous support of the Osaka City University Urban Plaza, and King's College London.

For planning purposes we would like to propose the following themes:

- 1. cultural policy and the city
- 2. creative cities and the Global South
- 3. art and the city
- 4. knowledge exchange, intermediaries and the creative process
- 5. precarious labour, culture and the city
- 6. scenes and the cultural economy
- 7. creative clusters, quarters and hubs

However, we would be happy to consider papers that do not fit directly in these themes.

Further details will follow. However, those interested are encouraged to register their interest at the following email address <a href="mailto:auc2013conference@gmail.com">auc2013conference@gmail.com</a>

We will contact those who register and interest by email and a link to the conference web site shortly.