
EDITOR'S DESK

EKISTICS IS BACK!

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Welcome to the reimagined and contemporary international journal of *Ekistics and the New Habitat: the problems and science of human settlements*.

On behalf of the international board of editors, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this very special edition led by Professor Dr. Derya Oktay, Professor of Architecture and Urban Design Maltepe University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Professor Oktay's Special Issue is a fitting volume of work identifying the many dimensions of contemporary and emerging habitat development pressures in Turkey. We invite scholars, students, practitioners, lay citizens, politicians and entrepreneurs to read the works of authors developed in this issue. The ideas and context of investigations contained in *Turkey, Urbanism and the New Habitat* are fresh, and exemplify the direction the Editorial Board seeks to reimagine Ekistics for our emerging millennia.

The Editorial Board has many issues in production including, but not limited to:

- India & Jugaad – The impact of innovation by the resilient Indian mind on habitat – Guest Editor Prof. Brinda Somaya.
- Cities and Transport in the Mediterranean Region – Guest Editor Prof. Dr. George Giannopoulos
- Saudi Vision 2030 - Habitats for Sustainable Development – Guest Editor Assist. Prof. Dr. Yenny Rahmayati
- The Global Pacific: Island and Coastal Human Habitats – Guest Editor Assist. Prof. /Lecturer Dr. Ian Fookes.
- Tribute to the late Panayis Psomopoulos who along with Constantinos Doxiadis, assured Ekistics remained very well regarded in over 46 countries and at all UN Habitat presentations and the majority world countries up until his passing.
- Special issue on new theories and propositions in Ekistics led by a team with Prof. Dr. Ray Bromley, Catharine Nagashima and Prof. Dr. Christopher Benninger among others.
- Regular Issues and new back issues previously unpublished.

This issue and the next has seen a huge degree of personal and private investment of resources and late hours by our inaugural editors, but perhaps none so more in effort as that by Assist. Prof. (Lecturer) Dr Ian Fookes, Auckland University, New Zealand. Well suited to the transdisciplinary articles that this journal accommodates, Dr Fookes is involved in teaching Academic Writing, Asian Studies, Comparative Literature, and Japanese courses. His research focuses on the role of language and literature in identity construction across cultures, and he has a strong interest in the contribution of landscapes, architecture, and garden design to mental health and well-being. Associated with the World Society for Ekistics (WSE) since his participation in the 2002 WSE Meeting in Tinos, Greece, Ian is Deputy-Editor of the *Journal Ekistics and the New Habitat* and Guest Editor of its 2021 *Special Issue: The Global Pacific: Coastal and Human Habitats*.

Of myself and appointed by the previous Editor-in-Chief of EKISTICS Panayis Psomopoulos, I cannot imagine a better platform for publishing double-blind and internationally peer reviewed *integrated research*. This journal provides a credible channel for creative voices emerging from the majority-world to publish their ideas and observations, designs and book reviews, or for testing their proposition in short essays or seminars than that of *Ekistics and the New Habitat: the problems and science of human settlements*. I was a student of Ekistics in my doctoral studies at the University of New South Wales and applied its ideas in empirical studies for rural and remote community education in Technology curriculum; a program that won an Australian Curriculum Innovation Award. Design led STE(A)M education for regional community development remains my core passion using Ekistics to help organise and scale an integrated and connected-up view of 'smart-citizen' education for the fast-emerging 'smart-cities', towns and regional communities. Ekistics is well placed to support scale and leadership in regional and urban educational policies.

This inaugural Special Issue cannot be published without mention of the collateral impact of COVID19, not only on people's lives directly, but the economic and hardship that essential lock down restrictions of movement have inevitably had on lives and livelihoods, including members of this Board and myself. As we emerged from the blackout that was 2020, with vaccines being deployed we have hope. This issue is testimony of the resilience of our international Ekistics community as represented on the Editorial Board of *Ekistics and the New Habitat*.

I encourage all to approach your institutions library and colleagues to log in to our new Journal web site and take up annual subscriptions to it. Ekistics and the New Habitat is the platform for a new voice in human settlement studies for the current and emerging times ahead.

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Yours in synthesis,



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