Call for Session Proposals for SAH Virtual 2024

Society of Architectural Historians
Virtual 2024
September 19–21, 2024

Conference Chair: Mohammad Gharipour, SAH Vice President, University of Maryland

The Society of Architectural Historians invites those interested in the history of the built environment to submit a session proposal for its virtual conference—SAH Virtual 2024—that will be held from Thursday, September 19, to Saturday, September 21, 2024.

The purpose of SAH Virtual 2024 is to share and discuss research in architectural history and related disciplines that cover every period in the history of architecture and all aspects of the built environment. In addition to architectural historians, we seek submissions from allied and adjacent disciplines including (but not limited to) architecture, landscape, urban history, art history, design, archaeology, sociology, anthropology, environmental studies, etc. The guiding principle for SAH Virtual 2024 is inter-disciplinary sharing and collaboration. We hope this will be an opportunity for people from any discipline who are interested in the history of the built environment to participate in a meaningful exchange of ideas.

NEW FORMAT FOR 2024—SAH Virtual 2024 will be comprised entirely of pre-formed sessions. Each session will have between four and five papers, with 15 minutes allotted for each paper presentation. Session organizers will be responsible for the theme of the session and for finding appropriate presenters. Sessions may include up to two session chairs. Session organizers are allowed to act as session chairs and present in their session. Sessions may include respondents.

Sessions may be theoretical, methodological, thematic, interdisciplinary, pedagogical, revisionist or documentary in premise and have broadly conceived or more narrowly focused subjects. Sessions that embrace cross-cultural and transnational topics are particularly welcome. Topics related to historic preservation and cultural heritage as related to architecture are also encouraged. Proposals will be selected based on merit and the need to create a balanced program. In every case, the session's theme should be clearly defined in critical and historical terms.

SAH welcomes session proposals that are organized by individuals or groups, including (but not limited to) SAH partner organizations; SAH Affiliate Groups, chapters, and committees; and groups not affiliated with SAH. The Society also seeks proposals for sessions that further the goals of the SAH IDEAS Initiative: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accountability, and Sustainability. We thus seek sessions that explore the intersection of architecture and social justice, inclusion and exclusion, diversity, transparency, accessibility, borders and conflicts, systemic inequalities, and challenges of method.

Since late submissions cannot be considered, it is recommended that proposals be submitted before the deadline.

Each individual participating in a session (as an organizer, moderator, respondent, session chair and/or presenter) will be required to join SAH and register for the virtual conference to participate in the session.

Each session will be one hour and fifty minutes long. Sessions include a five-minute introduction by the session organizer or chair, 15-minute paper presentations by each presenter, and audience questions and discussion, moderated by the session organizer or respondent. A typical schedule for a session with five papers would be:

8:00	Introduction
8:05	First Presenter
8:20	Second Presenter
8:35	Third Presenter
8:50	Fourth Presenter
9:05	Fifth Presenter
9:20	Q&A/Discussion
9:50	End of Session

What is new for SAH Virtual 2024?

1. Papers will be presented in pre-formed sessions.
2. We welcome session proposals from SAH Affiliate Groups, chapters, as well as partner organizations including but not limited to SAHGB, SAHANZ, EAHN, EAUH, and others.
3. Our goal is to create a transdisciplinary platform, so we welcome submissions from colleagues in other fields including but not limited to architecture, landscape, urban history, art history, design, archaeology, sociology, anthropology, environmental studies, and public health.
4. The virtual nature of this conference allows us to schedule sessions for different time zones, so we welcome submissions from all continents.

Additional Information

Sessions for Virtual 2024 will be recorded in their entirety and made available to all registered attendees for 30 days post-conference.

Submission Guidelines

Session proposals must be submitted online by **11:59 pm Central Standard Time, on Monday, May 20, 2024.**

Session organizers must include the following in their proposal:

- A session title not longer than 65 characters, including spaces and punctuation.
- An abstract of the session (300-word maximum).
- Contact information, including affiliation and email address, for each session participant including organizers, session chairs, presenters, and respondents.
- Statement confirming participation in SAH Virtual 2024 from each participant.
- Titles for each of the papers in the session.
- Indication of the anticipated time zone of session presenters.
- A current CV (2 pages max) for each session participant including session chairs and presenters.

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL TO DROPBOX as a single attachment (PDF or Word) with the following naming convention: organizer last name _session title (may be truncated)

Example: Young_SAH_and_the_New.PDF

Session proposals MUST be submitted through Dropbox by the deadline to be considered. (You do not need a Dropbox account to submit your proposal.) Only fully formed panels will be considered.

Session Chair Guidelines, which include key dates and step-by-step processes, will be distributed after session selections are

finalized.

Key Dates

May 20, 2024, 11:59 pm CST – Deadline to submit a session proposal
June 15, 2024 – Session selection notification begins
June 25, 2024 – Virtual 2024 Early Registration opens
July 15, 2024 – Virtual 2024 speaker and session chair registration dealine
August 1, 2024 – Virtual 2024 General Registration opens
September 18, 2024 – Registration closes at 12:00 p.m. CDT

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